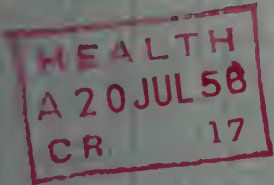


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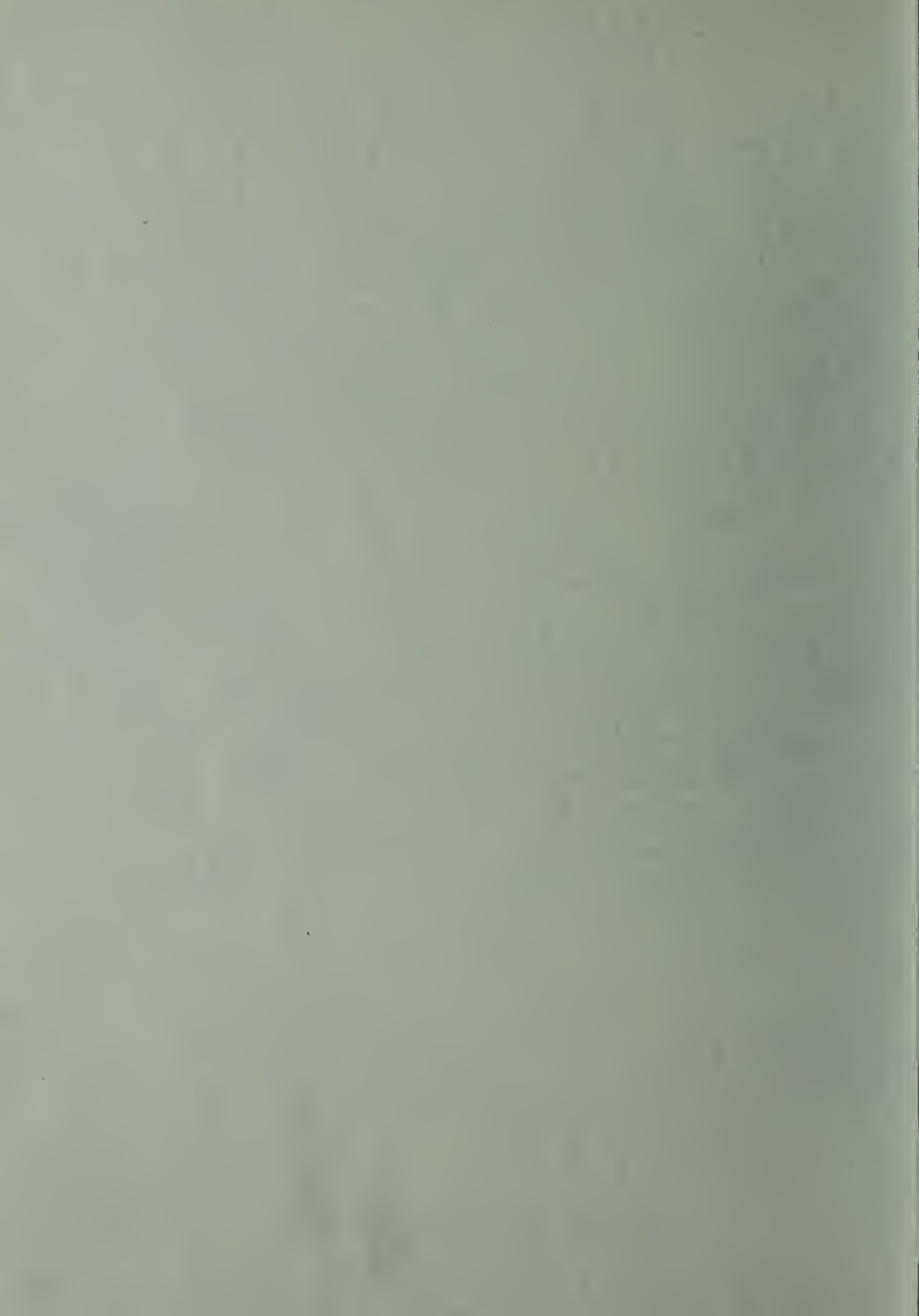
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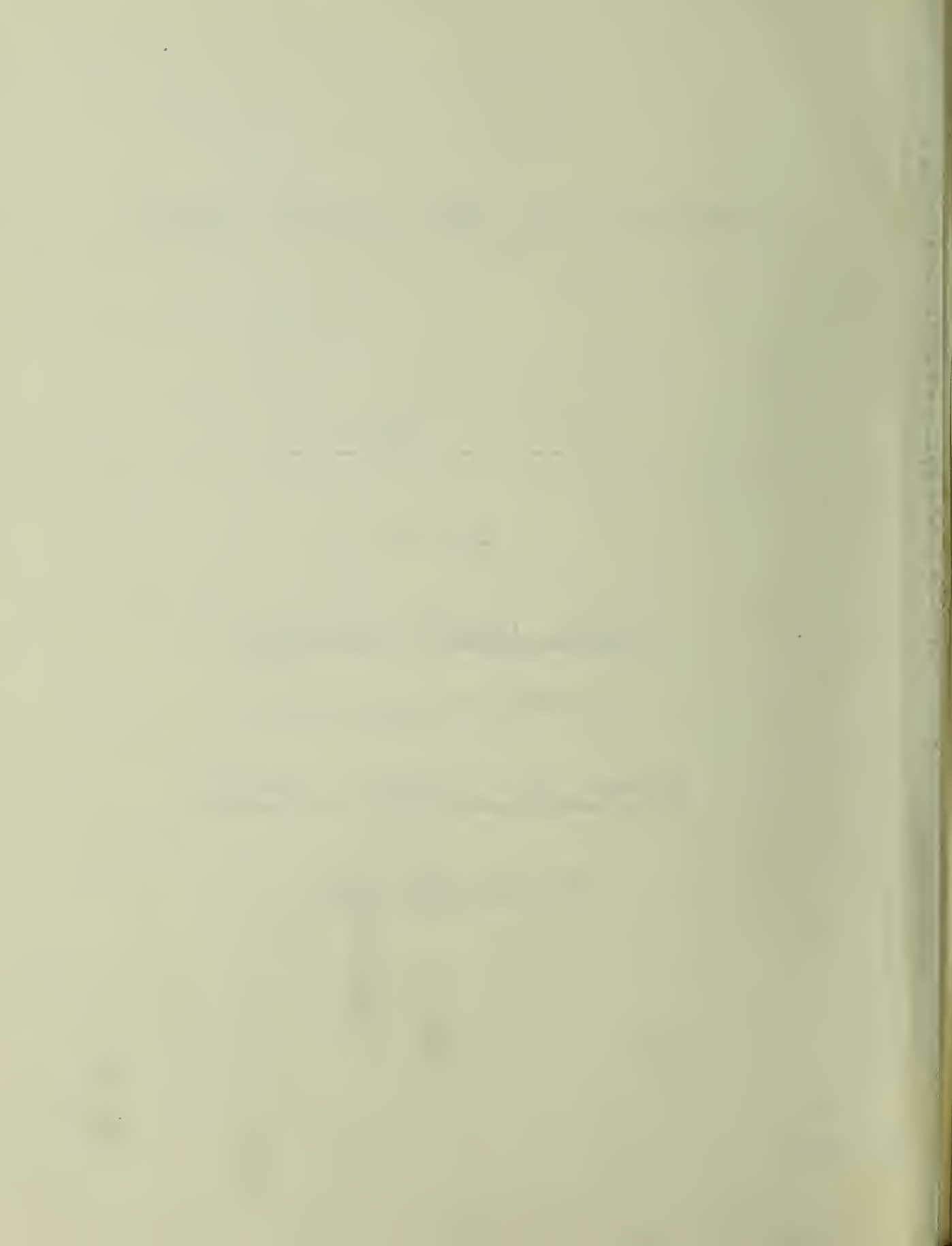
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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the Year 1955.

According to the Registrar General's estimate, the population has decreased slightly from 13,900 to 13,850.

The birth rate (13.0) is lower than last year (14.3) and lower than that for England and Wales, (15.0).

The death rate of infants under one year of age is 38.9., slightly higher than last year (30.1) and higher than that for England and Wales (24.9).

The chief causes of death has again been mainly from diseases associated with elderly people.

An outstanding event during the year was the taking over of Staunton Harold Hall to establish a Cheshire Home for the sick.

All water mains extensions have been completed with the exception of Lount Village, for which a scheme has been prepared.

Of the post war schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal, Appleby Magna and Worthington are in course of construction and approval has been given for a start on Osgathorpe. The scheme for Heather has been completed.

There are now 320 Cesspools in the district including 32 septic tanks constructed during the year.

89 closets were converted to the water carriage system during the year.

It will be noted that action was again necessary in connection with milk infected with Brucella Abortus but it was not necessary to serve notices stopping the sale of milk.

55 new houses were completed during the year making a total of 549 post war houses completed. The total number of applicants for Council Houses at the end of the year was 618, and the number of applications during the year 163.

240 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year including 169 cases of Measles, 27 Whooping Cough, 17 Pneumonia, 11 Scarlet Fever, 8 Erysipelas and 1 case of Meningococcal Infection. There were 2 deaths from Pneumonia. Measles were notified at intervals during the whole year, but most cases occurred in the months of July, August and September.

In December, 7 cases of suspected Food Poisoning were notified. These proved to be cases of the Winter Vomiting Disease, which appeared to be very prevalent at that time.

I wish to report that there has been a slight decrease in the number of children being immunised against diphtheria, and there still remains a dangerously high percentage of children susceptible to diphtheria.

Only 2 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. There were no deaths from Tuberculosis.

To the staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council, and to Doctor Mair, Director of the Public Health Laboratory, I wish to extend my thanks for their willing help and co-operation.

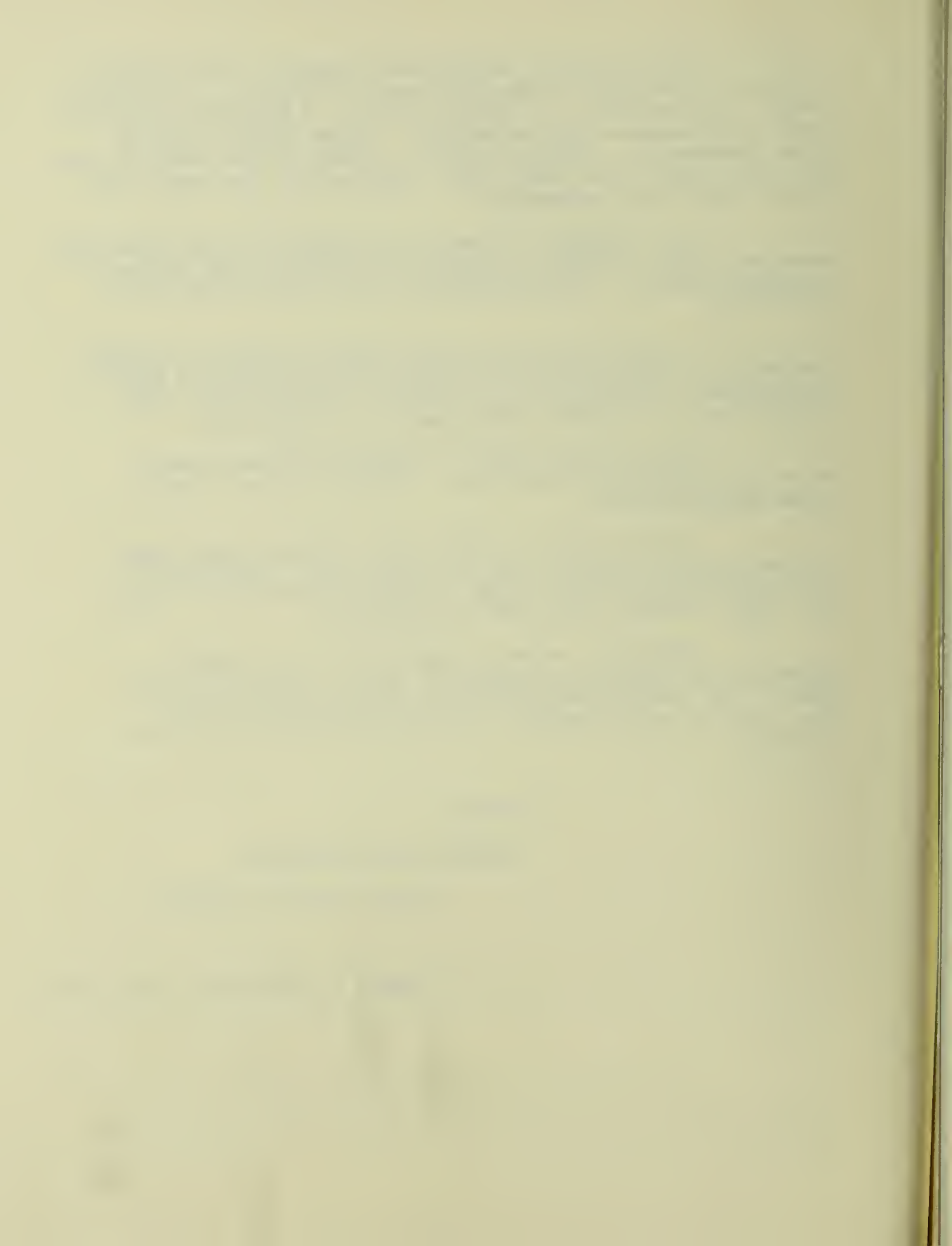
Finally I wish to thank Mr. C. S. Curtis, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, and to thank Mr. F.H. Wynne, for their invaluable help during the year and you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. McM. W. Segerdal, M.D., D.P.H.



SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area (in acres) ...	...	28,267
Resident Population (R.G.'s estimate) ...	...	13,850
Number of Inhabited Houses ...	...	4,253
Rateable Value ...	...	£59,198
Sum represented by a penny rate ...	...	£ 235 (estimated)
Comparability Factor - Births ...	...	1.00
Deaths ...	...	1.02

The chief industries in the area are Agriculture; Coalmining; Opencast Coal Working; Brickmaking; Stoneware and Pipemaking; and Stone Quarrying. There are also small Textile Works and Light Engineering Works.

No particular industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on health during the year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	97	79	176
Illegitimate	1	3	4
	<u>98</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>180</u>

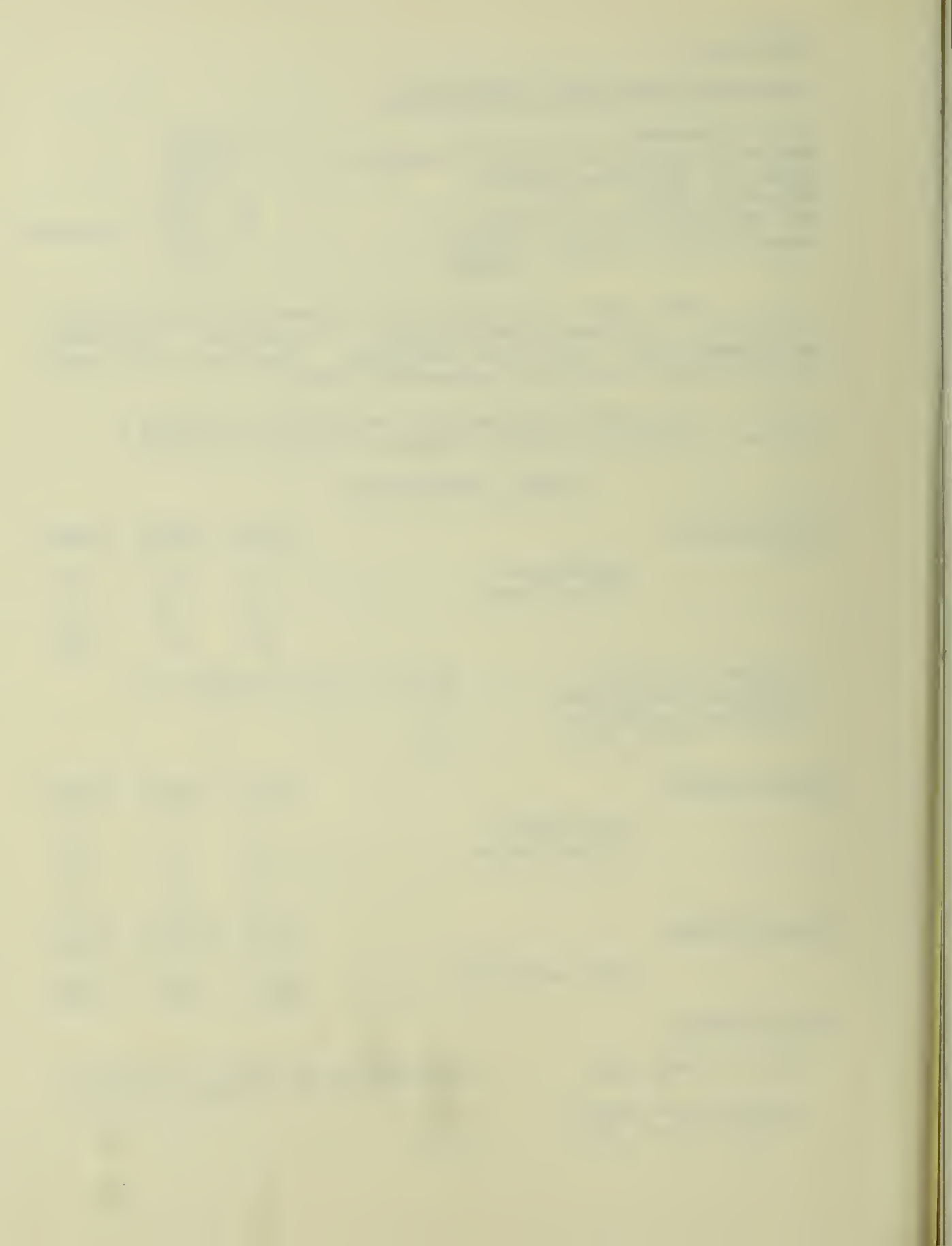
Crude Birth Rate	:	13.0	per 1,000 population
Adjusted Birth Rate	:	13.0	" "
England and Wales			
Birth Rate	:	15.0	" "

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

<u>Total Births.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Live and Still	<u>102</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>186</u>

Still Births.

. Still Birth Rate	:	32.2	per 1,000 total (live and still) births
England and Wales			
Still Birth Rate	:	23.1	" "



Deaths.

	Male	Female	Total
Deaths	<u>85</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>159</u>
Crude Death Rate	: 11.4 per 1,000 population		
Adjusted Death Rate	: 11.6 " "		
England and Wales			
Death Rate	: 11.7 " "		

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1955.

<u>Diseases.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach ...	3	3	6
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	0	1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	6	6	12
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ...	1	0	1
Diabetes ...	1	0	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	17	17	34
Coronary Disease, angina ...	14	7	21
Hypertension with heart disease	2	3	5
Other heart disease ...	9	17	26
Other circulatory disease ...	1	4	5
Influenza ...	1	0	1
Pneumonia ...	2	0	2
Bronchitis ...	4	3	7
Other Disease of Respiratory system	1	0	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	0	1
Nephritis and nephrosis ...	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of prostate ...	2	0	2
Congenital malformations ...	0	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	11	7	18
Motor Vehicle accidents ...	2	0	2
All other accidents ...	1	0	1
	<u>85</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>159</u>

Chief causes of death were :

Disease of Heart and Circulation	...	92
Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	24

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Total Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births :

Live and Still	:	0.0
Live and Still England and Wales	:	0.64

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	3	4	7
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

Per 1,000 Live Births	...	38.9
England and Wales per		
1,000 Live Births	...	24.9

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE.

			<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	2	4	6
Illegitimate	...	...	0	0	0
			<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER FOUR WEEKS OF AGE.

Per 1,000 Live Births	...	33.3
England and Wales per		
1,000 Live Births	...	17.3

The figures for England and Wales are provisional.

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Hospitals.

All hospitals except some private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for the aged and destitute are under the County Council. When the inmates take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

Cheshire Home for the Sick.

Group Captain Cheshire took over Staunton Harold Hall in March, 1955 in a practically derelict condition to establish a home for chronic sick patients.

One ward is now completed on the ground floor, and there are eight patients. This number will be increased when the first floor is completed. A lift is being installed and two bathrooms are being completed.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

There are none actually held in your District.

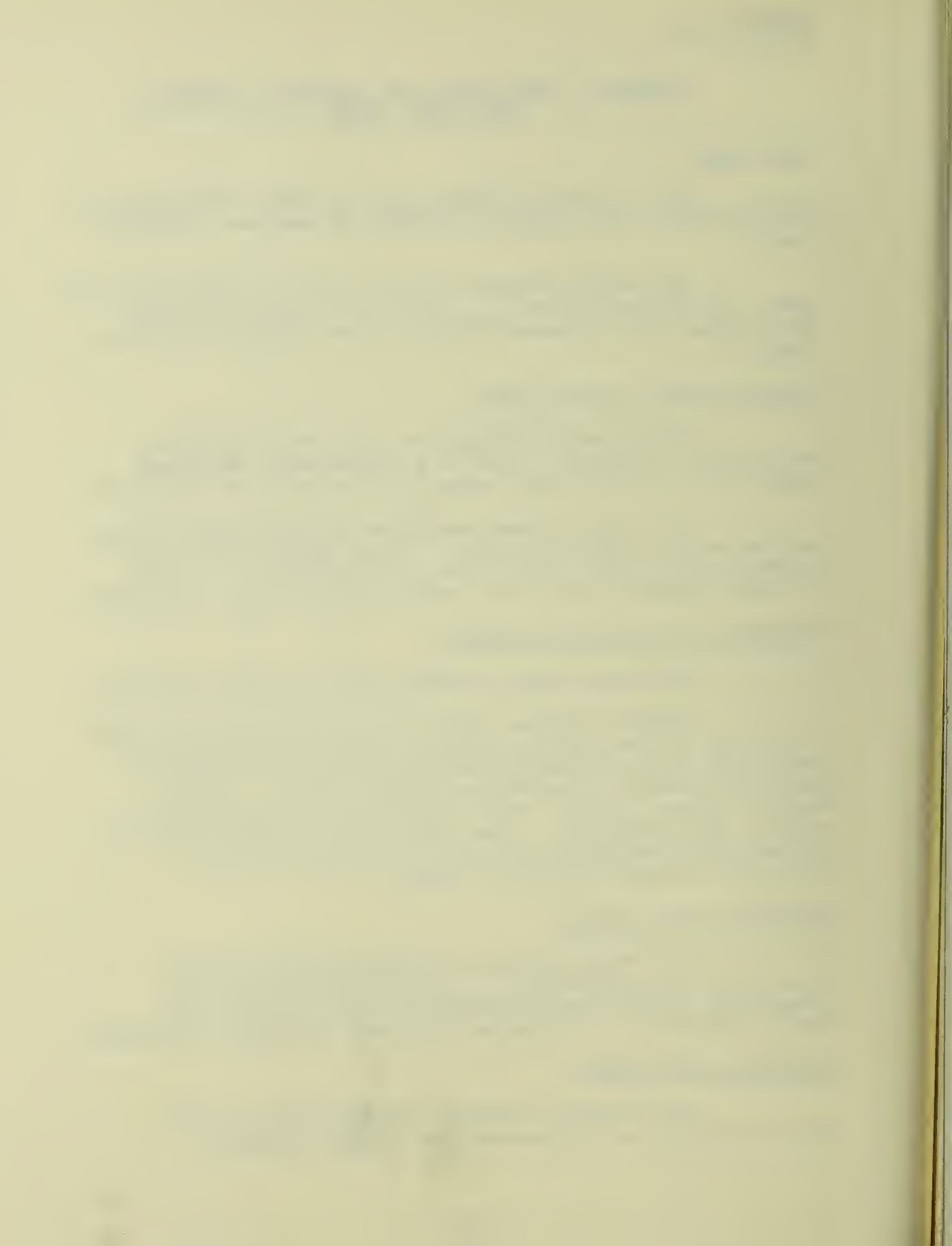
Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-Natal Clinic is available. The Tuberculosis Clinic is held at Markfield Sanatorium under the auspices of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

Ambulance Facilities.

The County Council is responsible for all facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

Nursing in the Home.

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the home is under the Leicestershire County Council.



Health Visiting.

This work is provided by the Leicestershire County Council and the work of Health Visitor, School Nurse and Tuberculosis Visitor is combined in a single appointment.

The Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

The following examinations were made :

Throat and Nose Swabs	...	1
Faeces and Urine	...	4
Sputa	... ..	21
Waters	... ..	35
Ice Cream	... ..	25
Whooping Cough Swabs	...	2
Miscellaneous	... ..	14
		<u>102</u>

Generally there is co-operation between the Local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply.

Mains supplies have been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Five samples of water, from piped supplies, were taken for bacteriological analysis and all were satisfactory.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

Internal Mains Water Supply		Mains water from External Standpipes		Well Water Supply	
No. of Dwelling Houses	Pop.	No. of Dwelling Houses	Pop.	No. of Dwelling Houses	Pop.
3827 (correct- ed figure)	12,350 (Estim- ated)	30 (Estim- ated)	160 (Estim- ated)	398 (Estim- ated)	1,390 (Estim- ated)

Number of parishes with piped supply of water :
From public mains : 15 From private reservoirs : 1

Number of parishes without a piped supply of water : 1

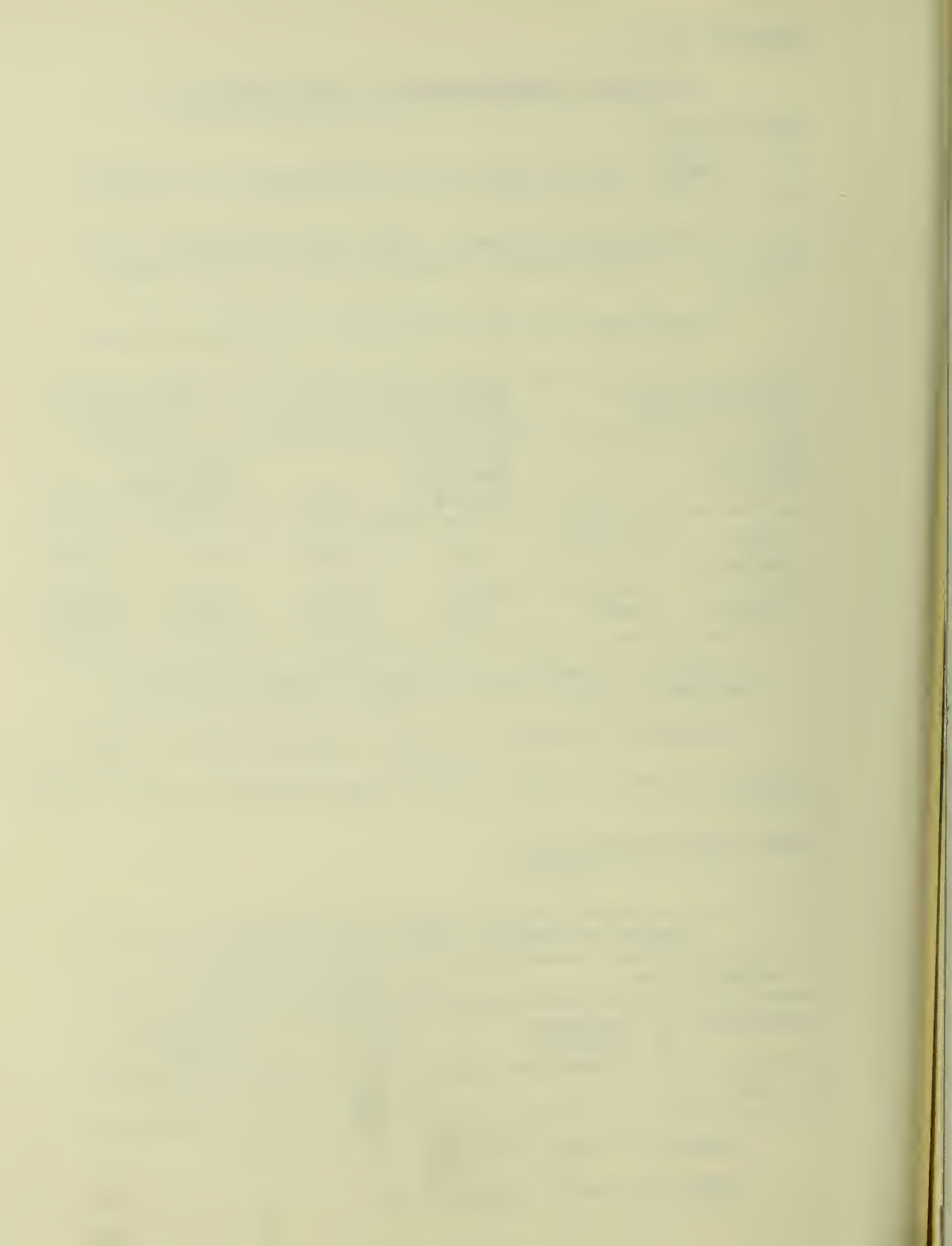
Scheme prepared for the laying of mains water in the village of Lount.

Water Supply from Wells.

Number of Samples taken for Analysis			
Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
Chemical	Bacterio- logical	Chemical	Bacterio- logical
Nil	2	Nil	9

Number of wells closed : 6

Number of wells cleansed etc : 1



SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Number of septic tanks constructed during the year : 32
Number of cesspools abolished during the year : Nil
Total number in district on December 31st, 1955 : 320

Number of parishes with efficient sewage
disposal works 4 (two badly
overloaded)

Number of parishes where new schemes have
been formulated 9

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in district on 31st December 1955 :

Privies : 160 Pail Closets : 1281 W.Cs. 2711
(Est)

Number of closets converted to water carriage system
during the year :

Privies : 1 Pails : 88

A grant of £10. 0. 0., or one half the cost, which
ever is the lesser is made towards the cost of conversion.

The contents of pails are emptied weekly and
disposed of on to agricultural land and tips.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

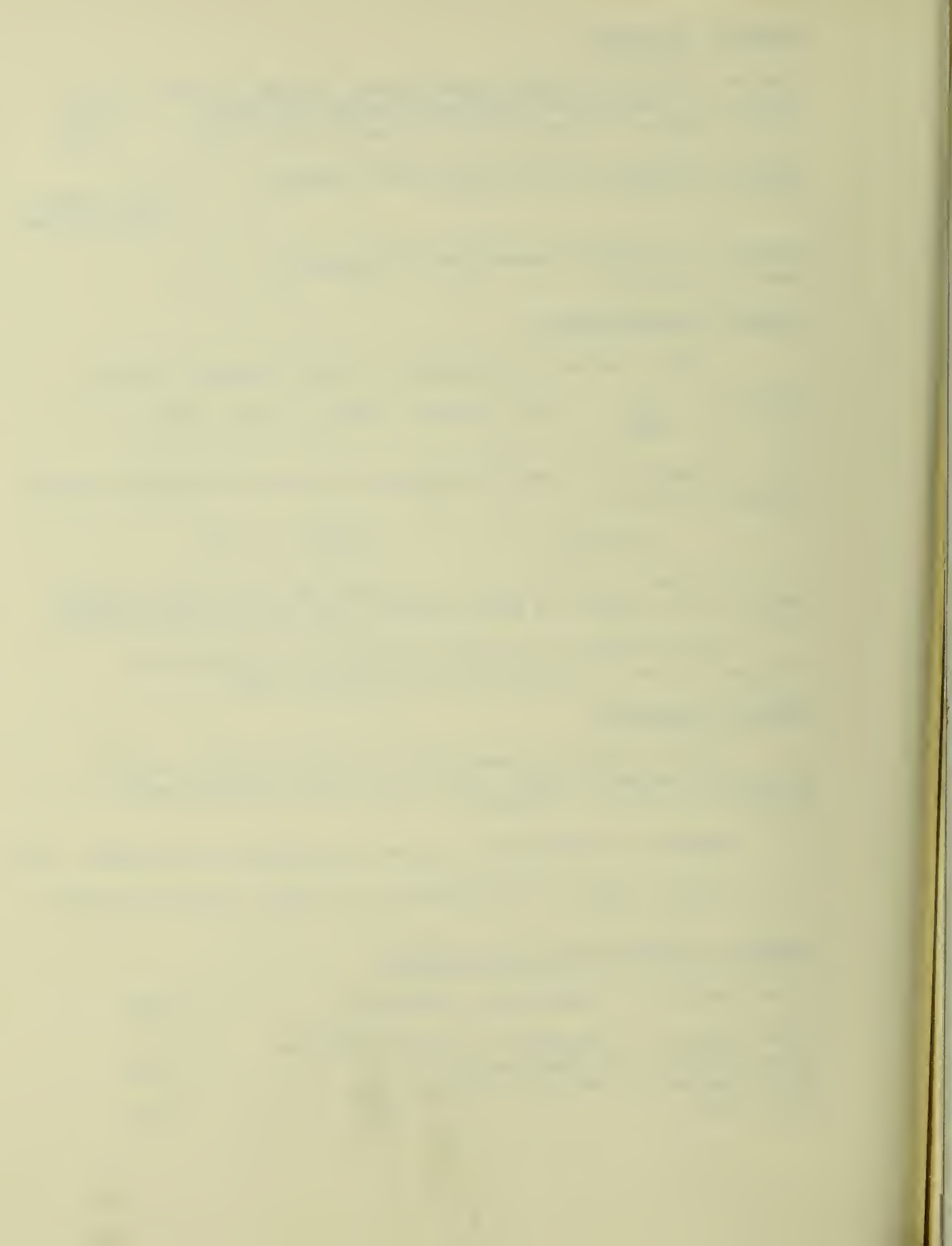
House refuse is removed by direct labour, using
2 Karrier Bantam 7 cubic yard, and two 10 cubic yard
Refuse Collection Vehicles.

Number of parishes covered by routine collections : 16

House refuse is disposed of to three controlled tips
and one crude tip.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Total number of complaints received 129
Total number of premises at which defects
or nuisances were dealt with 121
Total number of defects or nuisances
dealt with 191



INSPECTIONS MADE.

Animal keeping	...	...	...	...	2
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	10
Dairies	...	...	...	...	4
Drainage Works	...	...	...	...	365
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	...	...	...	...	1629
Food premises	...	...	...	...	47
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	86
Rodent Control	...	...	...	...	Carried out by Council's Rodent Operator.
Schools	...	...	...	...	-
Shops	...	...	...	...	17
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	676
Smoke Observation	...	...	...	...	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	...	...	...	...	18
Verminous and Dirty Premises	...	...	...	...	5
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	17
Workshops, Outworkers etc.,	...	...	...	...	69
Other inspections	...	...	...	...	967
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NOTICES.

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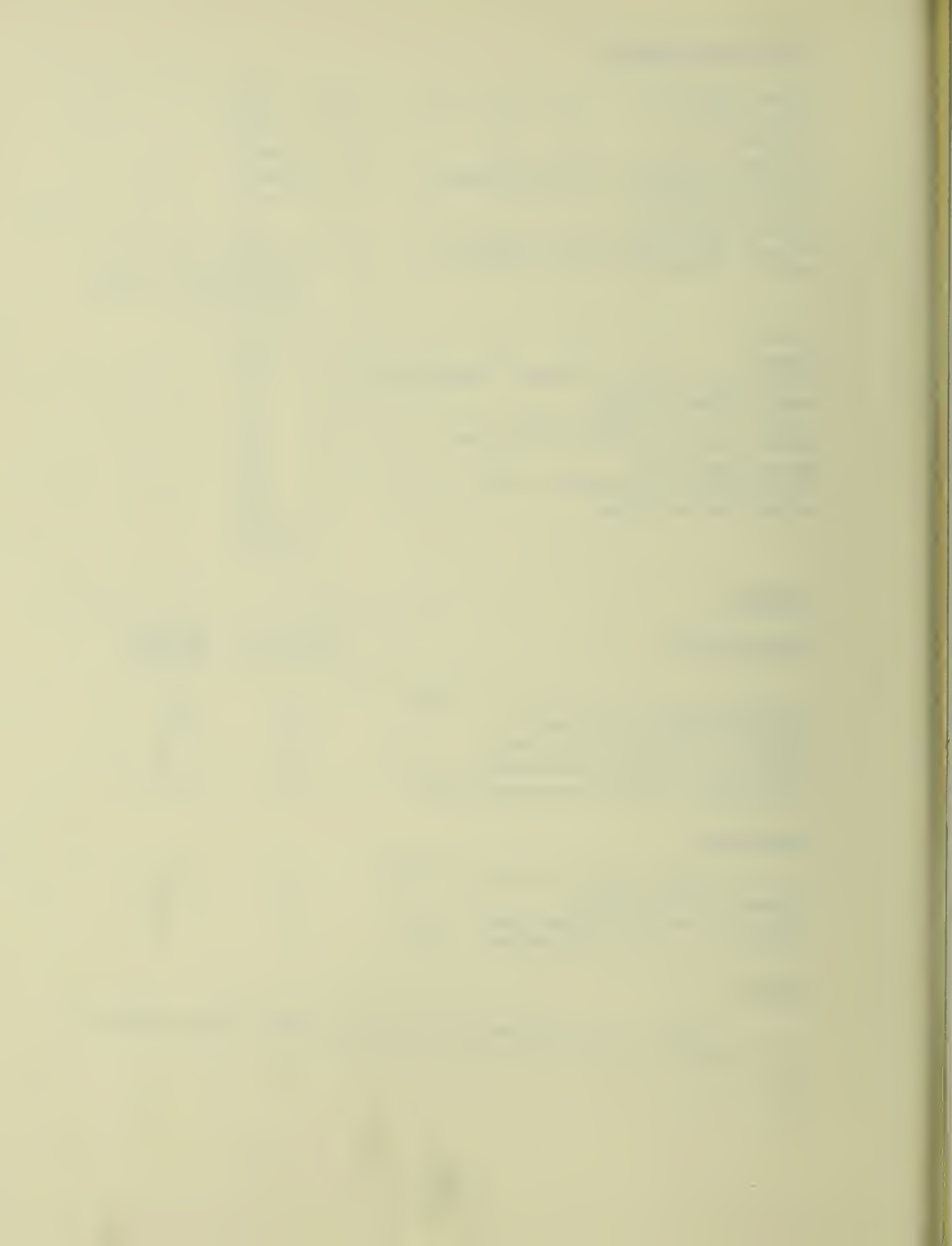
	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on January 1st 1955	10	17
Issued during the year	21	116
Complied with during year	14	99
Statutory action necessary	-	8
Outstanding 31st December 1955	17	34

Statutory.

Outstanding on 1st January, 1955	-	10
Issued during year	-	8
Complied with during year	-	15
Outstanding 31st December, 1955	-	3

SHOPS.

Plans being prepared at end of year for survey of all shops.



REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspections	Action Taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	10	13	-	-
Canal Boats	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-

Eradication of Bed Bugs

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Rag, Flock & Other

Filling Materials Act, 1951

Prevention of Damage by

Pests Act, 1949

: One infested house cleansed.

: No premises in area.

: No premises in area.

: Routine parish by parish inspection, private dwellings treated free, business premises on a time plus material basis, carried out by one man employed half time.

: No action taken.

Schools.

Swimming Baths and Pools

open to the Public.

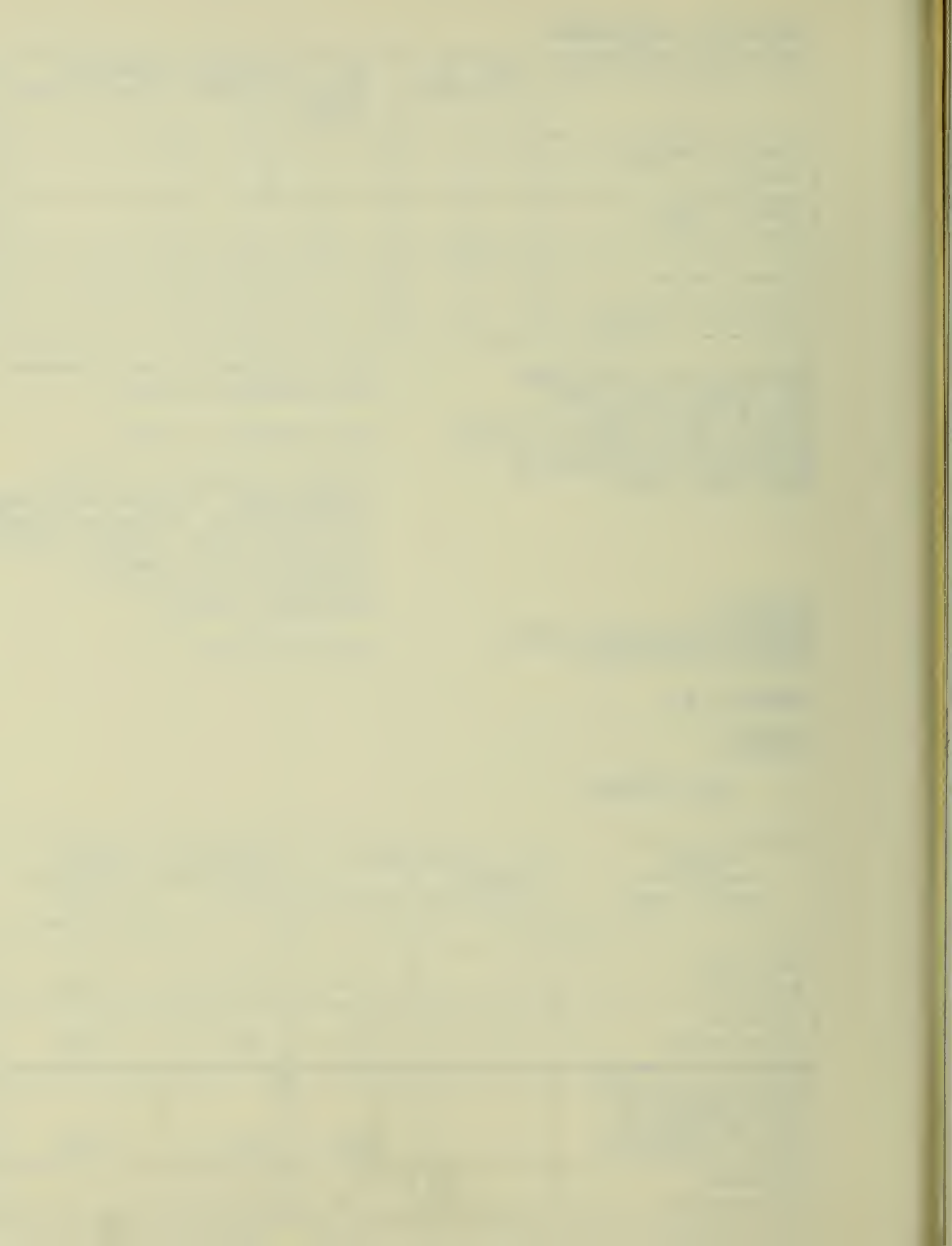
: None in area.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

New Houses.

Houses Completed during year	T Y P E		Average cost per house	Average rent incl. or excl. of rates.
	Prefab Permanent	Permanent		
By Local Authority	-	34	N.A.	19/6d.
Private Enterprise	-	21	N.A.	N.A.
<u>Houses in course of erection at end of year by:</u> Local Authority	-	164	N.A.	N.A.
Private Enterprise	-	32	N.A.	-



Total number of post war houses completed by Local Authority	...	...	...	422
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Total number of post war houses completed by private enterprise	...	...	127
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Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	...	...	618
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Number of applications received during the year	...	...	...	...	163
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HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	Not known
Number of families dwelling therein	...	-
Number of persons dwelling therein	...	-
Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	...	-
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	...	16
Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	55

It is not known if any cases have again become overcrowded after steps had been taken for the abatement of overcrowding.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered :

Manufacture and retail	...	1
Manufacture only	...	-
Retail only	...	36

(not all these are actually retailing).

Number of samples - 25	Results :	Grade 1	...	16
		Grade 2	...	8
		Grade 3	...	1
		Grade 4	...	-

With one exception the persons who are licensed for retail only sell pre-packed ice cream.

MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and Distributors
(Section 8, Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949).

No. on Register	-	Dairies	...	2
		Distributors	...	18
No. of Inspections	-	Dairies	...	5
		Distributors	...	26

BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES.

No. of routine bulk samples taken	...	45
Results satisfactory	...	42
Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli	...	-
Evidence of Brucella Abortus	...	3
No. of individual samples taken following a positive brucella abortus report on a routine sample	... ..	47

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING.

45 samples of designated "Tuberculin Tested" milk
were taken and all proved satisfactory.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued :

	<u>Pasteurised</u>	<u>Sterilised</u>
Dealers Licences	7	-
Supplementary Licences	7	-

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued :

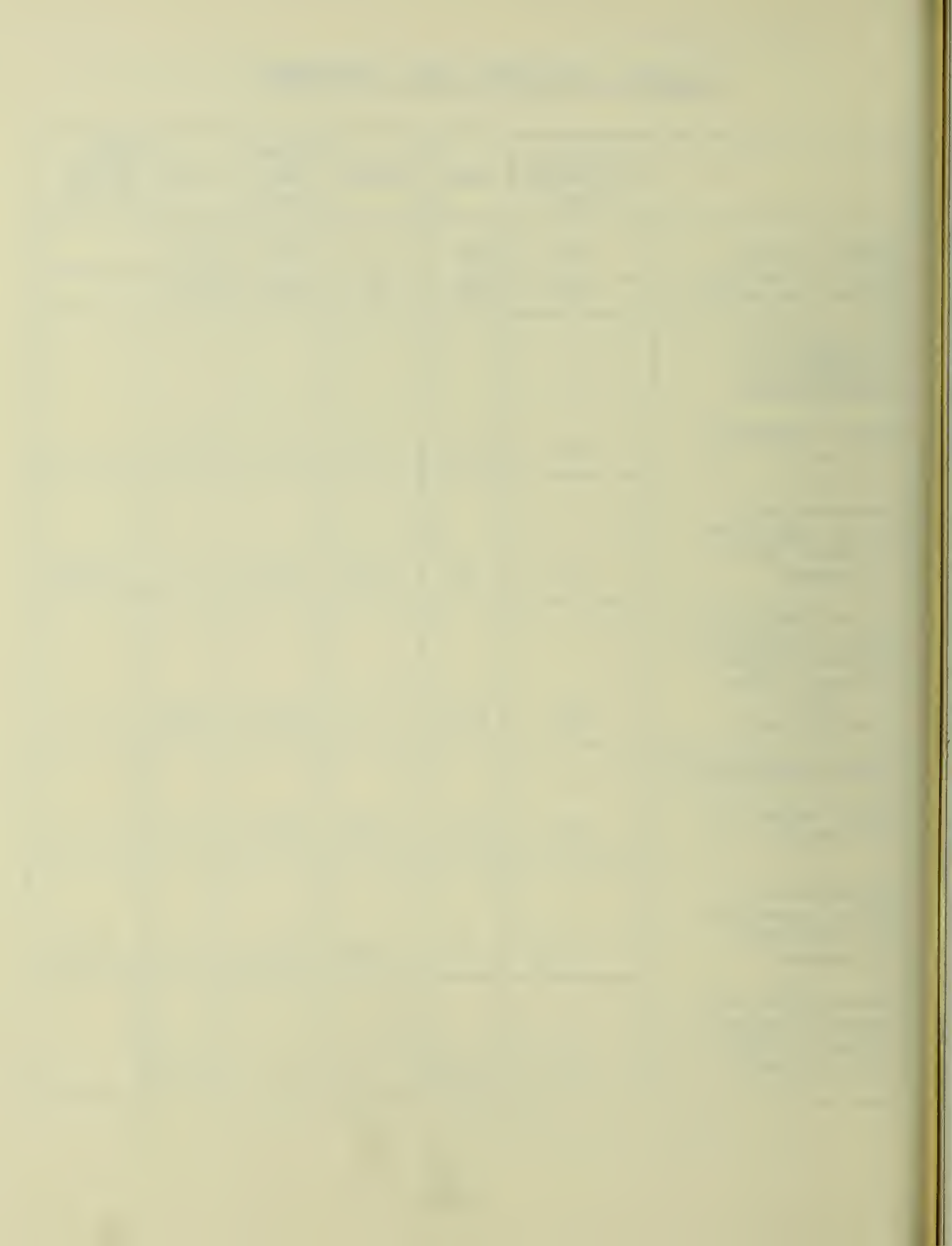
Dealers Licences	20
Supplementary Licences	8

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of licensed slaughter houses in area	...	6
No. of animals slaughtered therein	...	2388
No. of animals examined therein	...	2388
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	... ..	10%
No. of Knacker yards in area	...	2
No. of visits to Knackers yards	...	5

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total Weight in lbs
Number killed	305	329	10	1069	675	-
Number inspected	305	329	10	1069	675	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	77	91	nil	196	6	2701
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	25.2	27.7	-	18.3	.88	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned ...	nil	nil	nil	nil	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	26	57	nil	nil	13	2016
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	8.5	17.3	-	-	1.9	-



MEAT STALLS.

No. of inspections nil

MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC.

No. of inspections 39

PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

No. of inspections 35

CLEAN FOOD.

A detailed and close survey of all cafes and canteens was carried out during the year. Much advice was given and many suggestions were carried out almost immediately.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases (other than
Tuberculosis) during 1955.

Disease	Final Nos. after correction	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths,
Scarlet Fever ...	11	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	27	-	-
Measles 	169	-	-
Pneumonia	17	-	2
Erysipelas ...	8	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	-
Total 	233	1	2

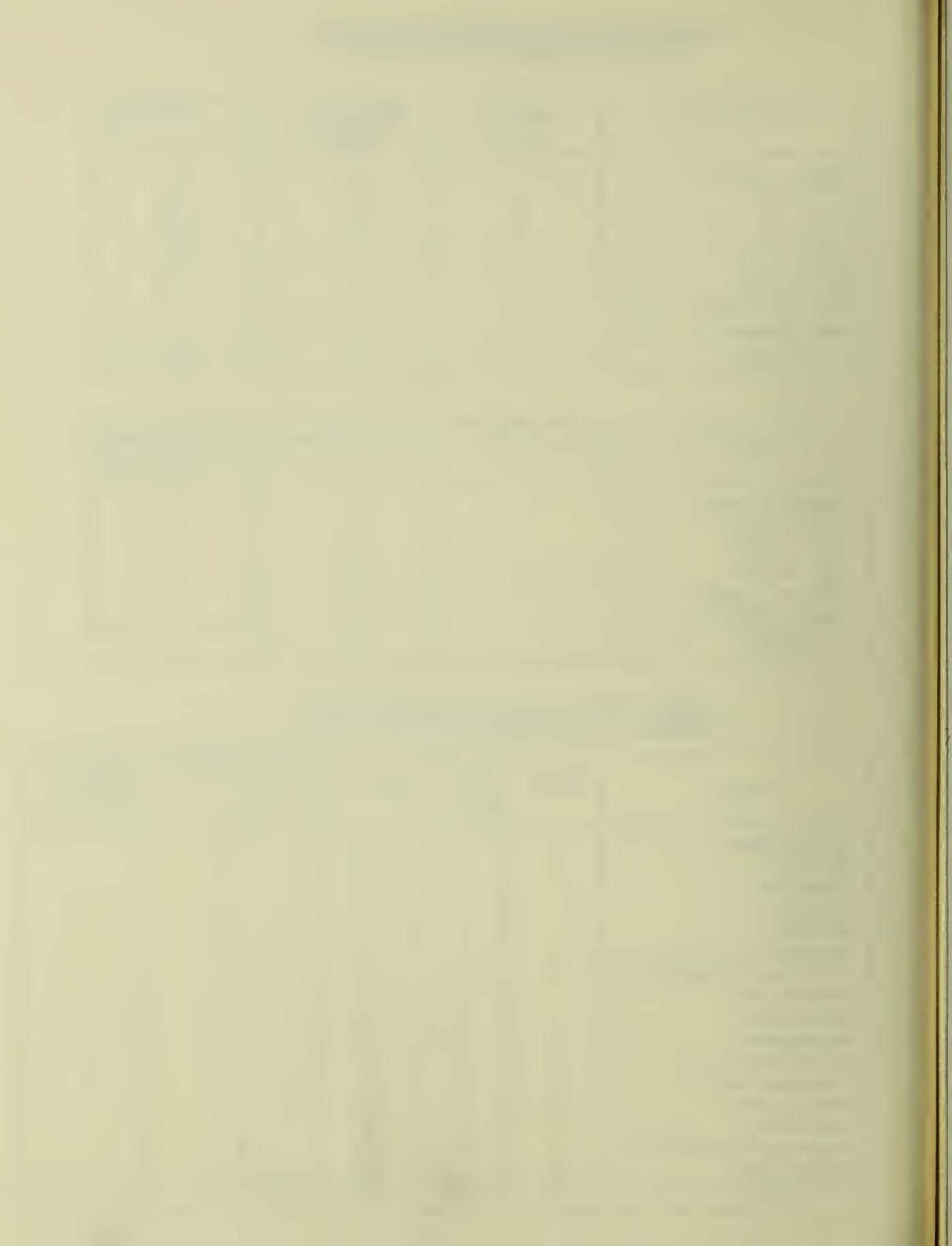
ANALYSIS UNDER AGE GROUPS ACCORDING TO
REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN 118d.

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles
Under 1 year ...	-	2	1
1 - 2 ...	1	4	32
3 - 4 ...	2	8	43
5 - 9 ...	7	12	78
10 - 14 ...	1	-	12
15 - 24 ...	-	-	2
25 and over ...	-	1	1
Age unknown ...	-	-	-
Total ...	11	27	169

Age Group	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Meningococcal Infection
Under 5 years ...	2	-	1
5 - 14 ...	1	1	-
15 - 44 ...	4	3	-
45 - 64 ...	7	2	-
65 and over ...	3	2	-
Age unknown ...	-	-	-
Total ...	17	8	1

TABLE SHOWING INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE
DISEASE IN EACH PARISH DURING YEAR 1955.

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Whoop- ing Cough	Measles	Pneu- monia	Erysi- pelas	Mening- ococcal Infection
Appleby Magna	3	-	13	1	1	-
Chilcote	-	-	13	1	-	-
Coleorton	1	4	10	4	2	-
Heather	-	-	3	1	-	-
Measham	-	4	13	3	3	-
Normanton-le-Heath	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	3	12	56	5	1	-
Osgathorpe	-	-	8	-	-	-
Packington	-	1	3	-	-	-
Ravenstone	1	-	2	-	1	-
Snarestone	-	-	2	1	-	-
Staunton Harold	-	-	-	-	-	1
Swannington	2	2	5	2	-	-
Sweptone	-	-	32	-	-	-
Stretton-en-le-Field	-	2	-	-	-	-
Worthington	1	2	9	-	-	-
Totals	11	27	169	18	8	1



MEASLES

The following table shows the incidence of Measles in each Parish monthly.

Year 1955	Appleby Magna	Bardon Hill	Chilcote	Coleorton	Heather	Measham	Normanton-le-Heath	Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	Osgathorpe	Packington	Ravenstone	Snaresstone	Staunton Harold	Swannington	Sweptstone	Stretton-en-le-Field	Worthington	Total
January	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7
February	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	5	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	14
May	3	-	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
June	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	4	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	5	25
July	3	-	11	3	-	6	-	32	2	-	1	2	-	1	26	-	4	91
August	-	-	1	-	-	4	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	13	-	13	10	3	13	-	56	8	3	2	2	-	5	32	-	9	169

An Outbreak of the Winter Vomiting Disease.

In December some 7 cases of suspected food poisoning were notified at Ravenstone.

Initial investigation pointed to winter vomiting although some features were suggestive of food poisoning. However, all bacteriological examinations were negative, and investigation of some 23 cases altogether established winter vomiting as the diagnosis, and it became evident that at this time there was a widespread epidemic of this complaint.

However, it involved immediate enquiry, and I am very grateful to Mr. Curtis and Mr. Wynne for the whole hearted way in which they threw themselves in to assist and to Doctor Mair of the Public Health Laboratory at Groby Road, Leicester, not only for his bacteriological examinations, but for much useful advice freely given.

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

1776	1777	1778	1779	1780	1781	1782	1783	1784	1785	1786	1787	1788	1789	1790	1791	1792	1793	1794	1795	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

1801	1802	1803	1804	1805	1806	1807	1808	1809	1810	1811	1812	1813	1814	1815	1816	1817	1818	1819	1820	1821	1822	1823	1824	1825
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75
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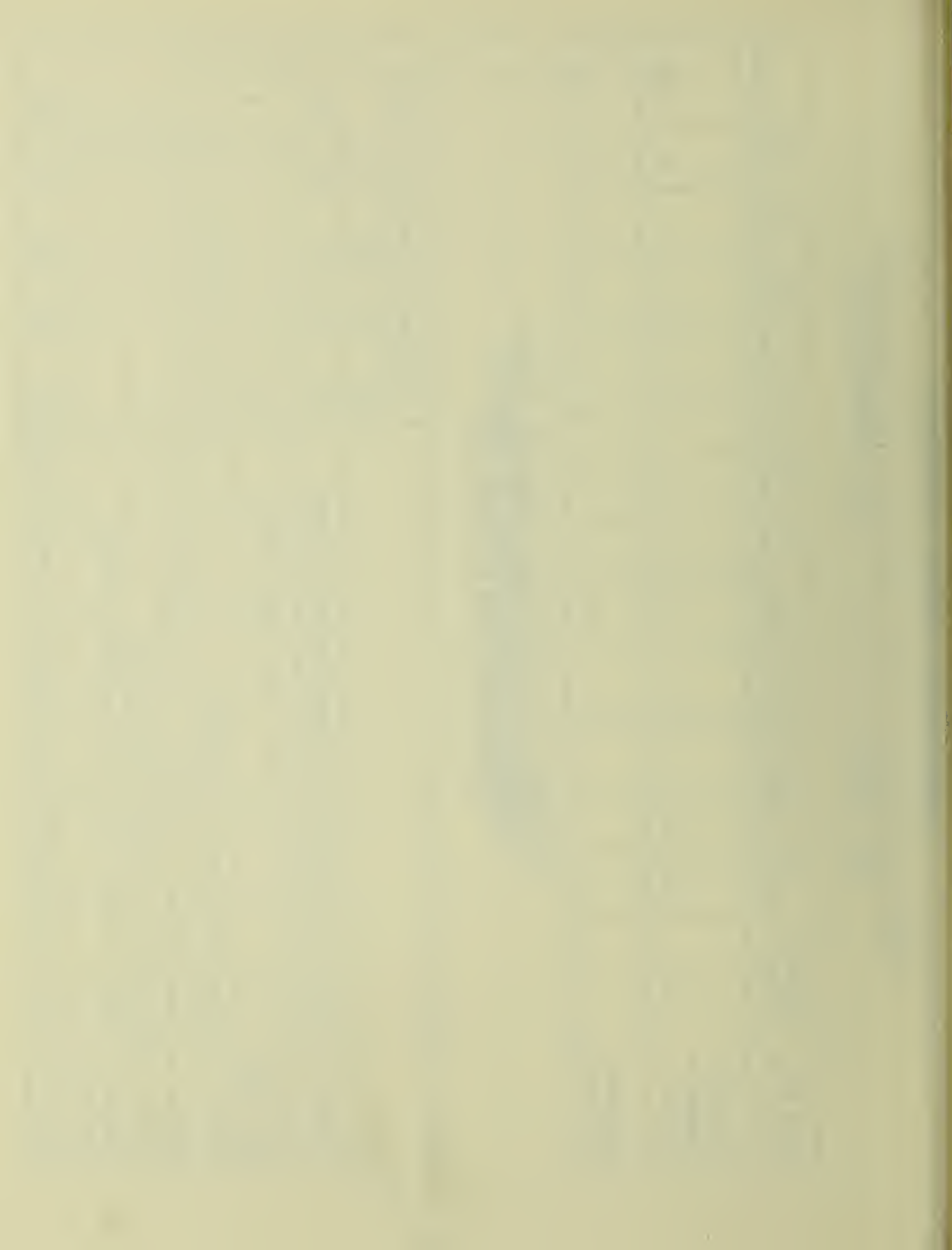
IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of children who were immunised during the period
1st JANUARY - 31st DECEMBER 1955

Age at 31.12.55	Under 1 1955	1 1954	2 1953	3 1952	4 1951	5 1950	6 1949	7 1948	8 1947	9 1946	10 1945	11 1944	12 1943	Totals
Primary Immunis- ation	13	102	20	5	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	146
Booster Injection	-	-	-	-	6	86	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	98

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS APPEARING IN THE REGISTER OF NOTIFICATIONS OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS FOR THE YEAR 1955.

	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.		Total
		M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at Commencement of year	21	16	11	15
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year	2	-	-	2
Number of cases restored to Register	-	-	-	-
Number of cases added to Register and brought to notice other than by formal notification ...	1	-	-	1
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year	-	1	1	1
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of year	24	15	10	14
				63



TUBERCULOSIS - YEAR 1955.

CAUSES OF REMOVAL FROM REGISTER.

	<u>MALES</u>		<u>FEMALES</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	
Cured	-	1	1	1	3
Total	-	1	1	1	3

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

Resumé of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1955, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

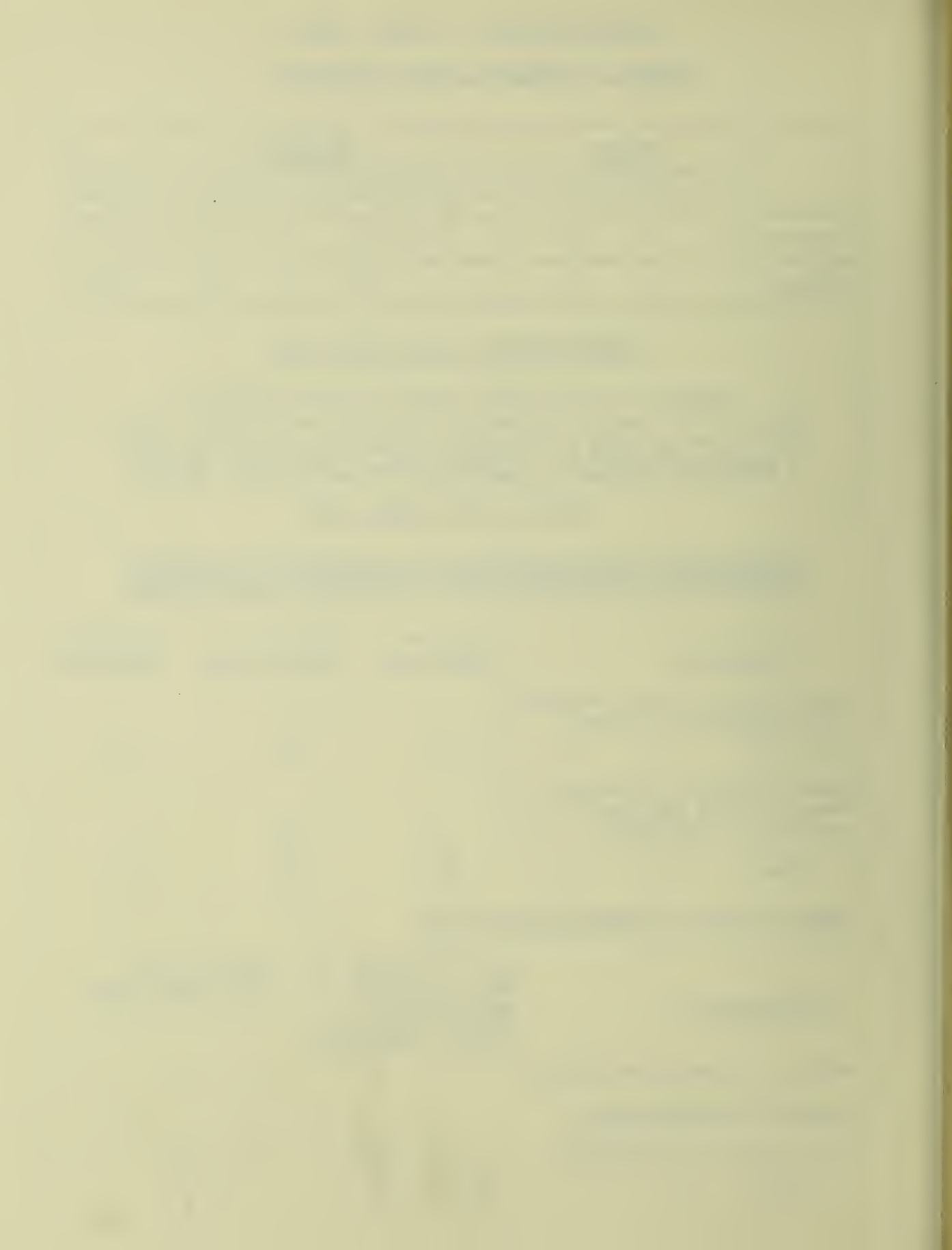
PART I OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH
(INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS).

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>
Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	35	49	4
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	4	20	-
Total	<u>39</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>4</u>

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found.</u>		<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector.</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	
Want of Cleanliness (S.I)	-	1	1
<u>Sanitary Conveniences.</u>			
Unsuitable or defective	3	3	3
Total	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>



PART VIII OF THE ACT.

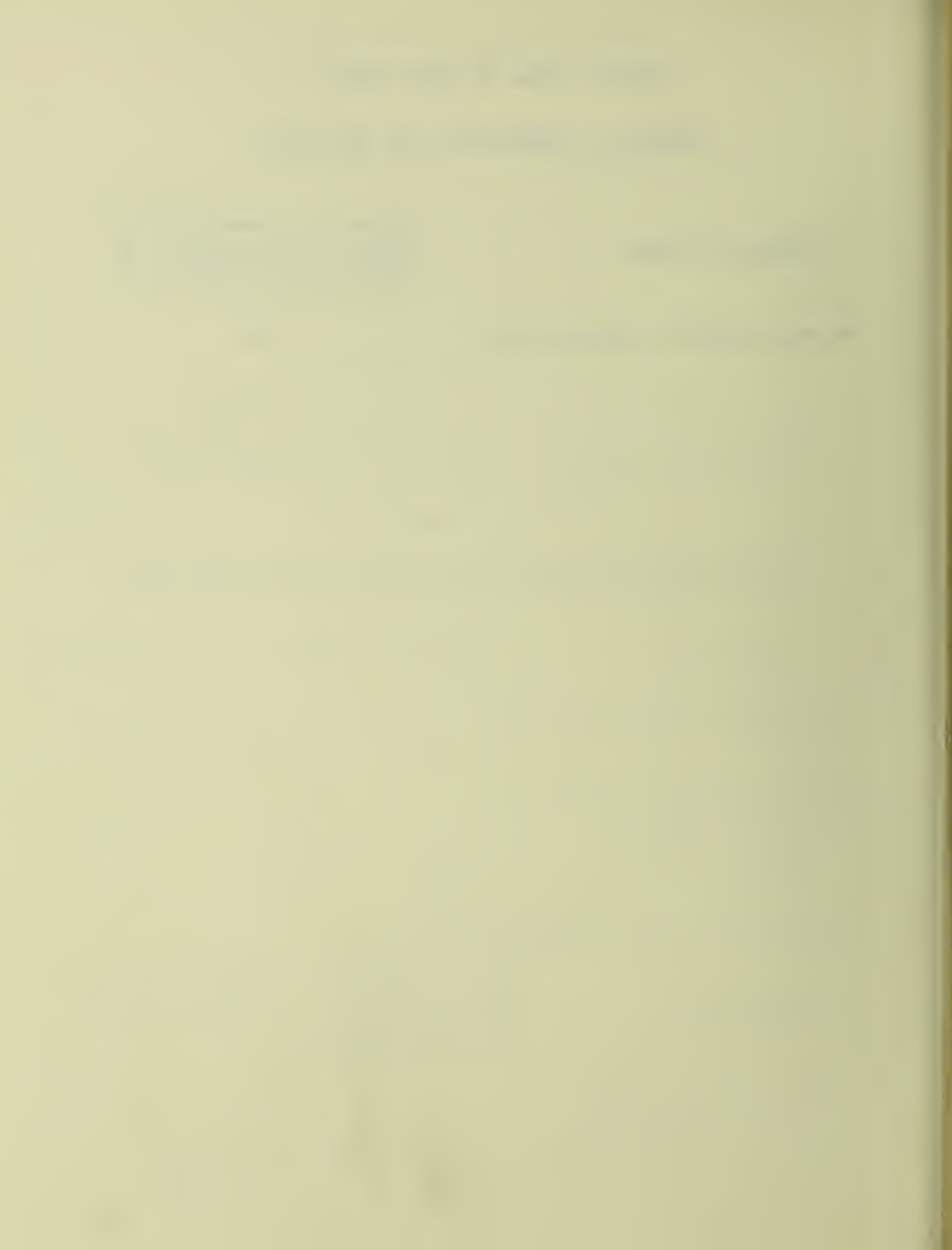
OUTWORK (SECTIONS IIO AND III).

Nature of Work.

Number of Outworkers in
August list required by
Sections III (I) (c).

Wearing Apparel, Making etc.,

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Rural District Council Offices,
South Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

29th. June, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting this, my second Annual Report on the working of my department.

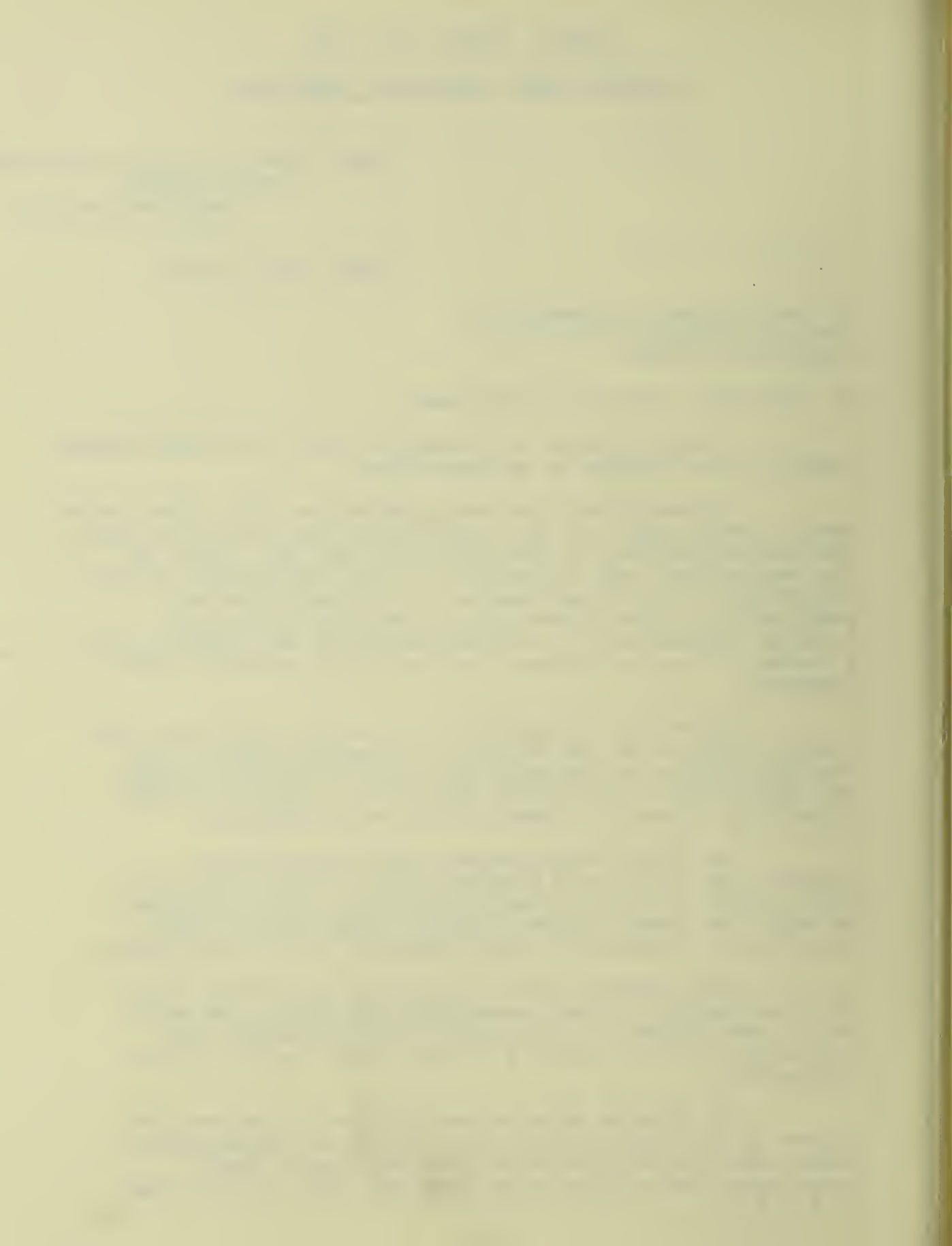
Although there has not, during the year under review, been a great amount of new legislation, the end of the year saw the publication of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and the regulations made thereunder for the improvement of food preparing and handling premises. The year also saw publication of the Government proposals with regard to housing, alterations in housing subsidies and proposals for a review of capital schemes such as those connected with sewerage.

Plans for the demolition of unfit properties were finally approved by the Council, following visits to all the parishes in the district by the Sub-Committee formed for this purpose, and the routine work of inspecting and submitting houses for formal action was commenced.

The first full post war year during which slaughtering in private slaughter houses was allowed has seen a great decline in the proportion of meat condemned as unfit for human food as compared with pre-war years, particularly regarding animals affected with tuberculosis.

Good progress has been made in connection with the construction of new houses and although at the year end a great number of houses had not been handed over for occupation, two large sites were well on the way to completion.

The Housing Repairs and Rent Act, 1954 does not appear to have had the hoped for effect of encouraging a large number of owners of property to repair their properties with a view to an increased rent as laid down by the Act.



There still remains one village only without a piped water supply, and it is pleasing to be able to say that the necessary mains are now being laid. There are, however, many isolated dwellings without piped supplies; and unfortunately the cost of extending the mains does seem prohibitive unless we are prepared, (as I think we should be) to accept that, although there will be no return in hard cash, there will be a return in that the health and welfare of the persons concerned will be improved. Unfortunately, as in many public health matters, it is not possible easily to see the amount of money saved in this way.

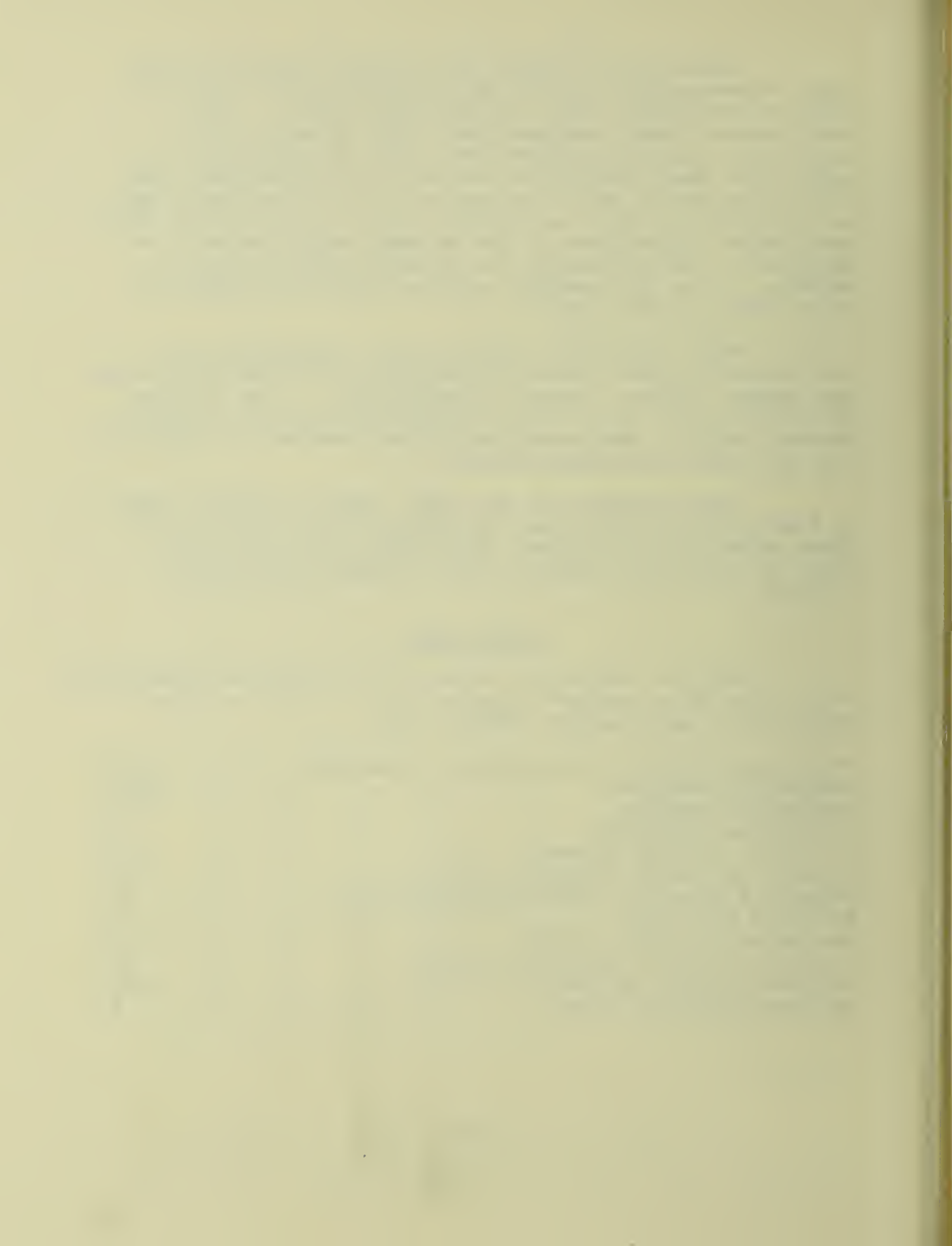
With additional houses under construction at Donisthorpe, it has become necessary to consider extending the sewage disposal works at Donisthorpe. The works at Ravenstone continue to be grossly overloaded as do the Measham works. New works at Heather are now in operation and the parish has been sewered.

The brickwork to the small sewage disposal works at Newbold is in very poor condition and it would be of great advantage to connect the outfall sewer at these works to the sewer recently laid through Worthington village.

COMPLAINTS.

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out :

Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied	...	57
Complaints received	... ..	129
Premises inspected	... ..	129
Groundless complaints	... ..	8
Re-visits to work in hand	... ..	290
Premises at which nuisances abated	... ..	99
Nuisances detected (District Inspections)	... ..	16
Premises inspected	... ..	16
Re-visits to work in hand	... ..	17
Premises at which nuisances abated	... ..	14
Informal Notices served	... ..	121
Statutory Notices served	... ..	8



Pantries provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
W.Cs. repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Pan closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated						7
Blocked drains cleared (does not include sewers)						5
Cesspools cleansed or repaired	...	...	...			2
Offensive accumulations removed				...	...	14
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	21
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Damp walls remedied		...	...	...	...	9
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	6
Windows repaired and renewed	...	...	...	...	...	21
Fireplaces repaired, or new ones provided				...		12
Plastering repaired		...	...	...	...	30
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	19
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed				...	...	7
Piggeries removed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	18
Copper pans provided, or repaired				...	...	2
Dirty houses cleaned	...	...	...	...	...	1
Verminous houses cleansed			...	...	...	4
Smoke nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Animal nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	1
Staircase repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act.

The man employed part time on Pest Control has continued to spend every other week carrying out his duties in connection with rodent destruction.

The Council's policy of free treatment at domestic premises with a charge on a time plus material basis at business and agricultural premises has been continued.

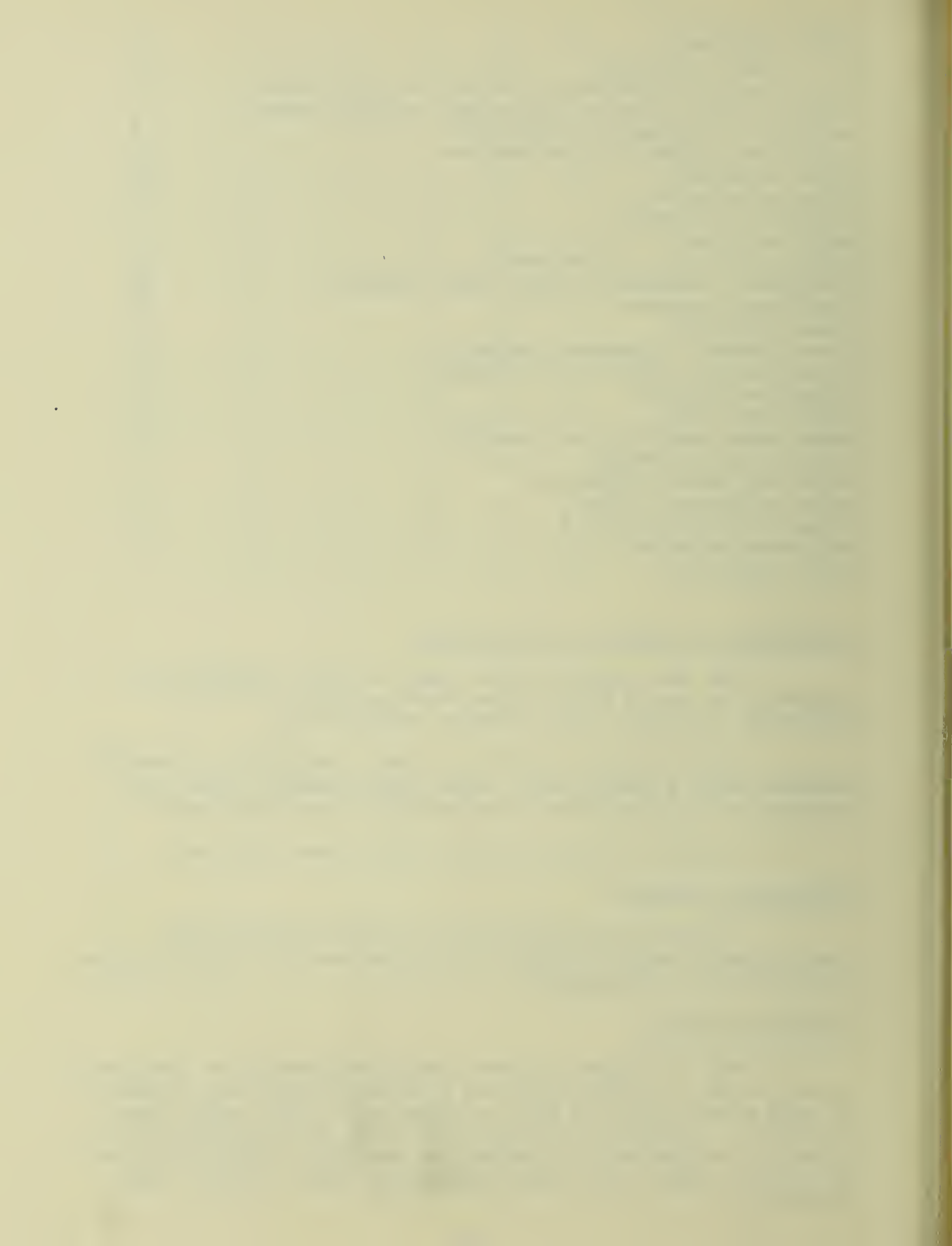
In all a total of 1585 visits have been made.

Infectious Diseases.

Routine investigations have been carried out into reported cases of infectious diseases and disinfections carried out as necessary.

Slaughter Houses.

Six slaughter houses have continued to be used, and slaughtering is carried out on 4 days of the week; Monday of each week being the day on which most meat inspections are made. Strenuous efforts have been made to see that all animals slaughtered are inspected, and it is gratifying to be able to report that 100% inspection has, in fact, been effected.



Ice Cream.

Premises in one parish have been used for the manufacture of hot mix ice cream.

36 premises are now licenced for the sale of pre-packed ice cream and one for the sale of loose ice cream. A close watch has been kept on all the premises concerned and samples taken and submitted for analysis.

A considerable number of premises, although licenced, are not in fact retailing ice cream.

Food Shops.

In addition to meat condemned in slaughterhouses, the following food has been condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Chocolate	4 lbs.
Tomatoes	2 tins
Soup	1 tin
Jam	12 tins
Peaches	1 tin
Black currants	2 tins
Pinapple	2 tins
Strawberries	1 tin
Milk	1 tin
Beans	12 tins
Confectionery	6 lbs

Public Houses.

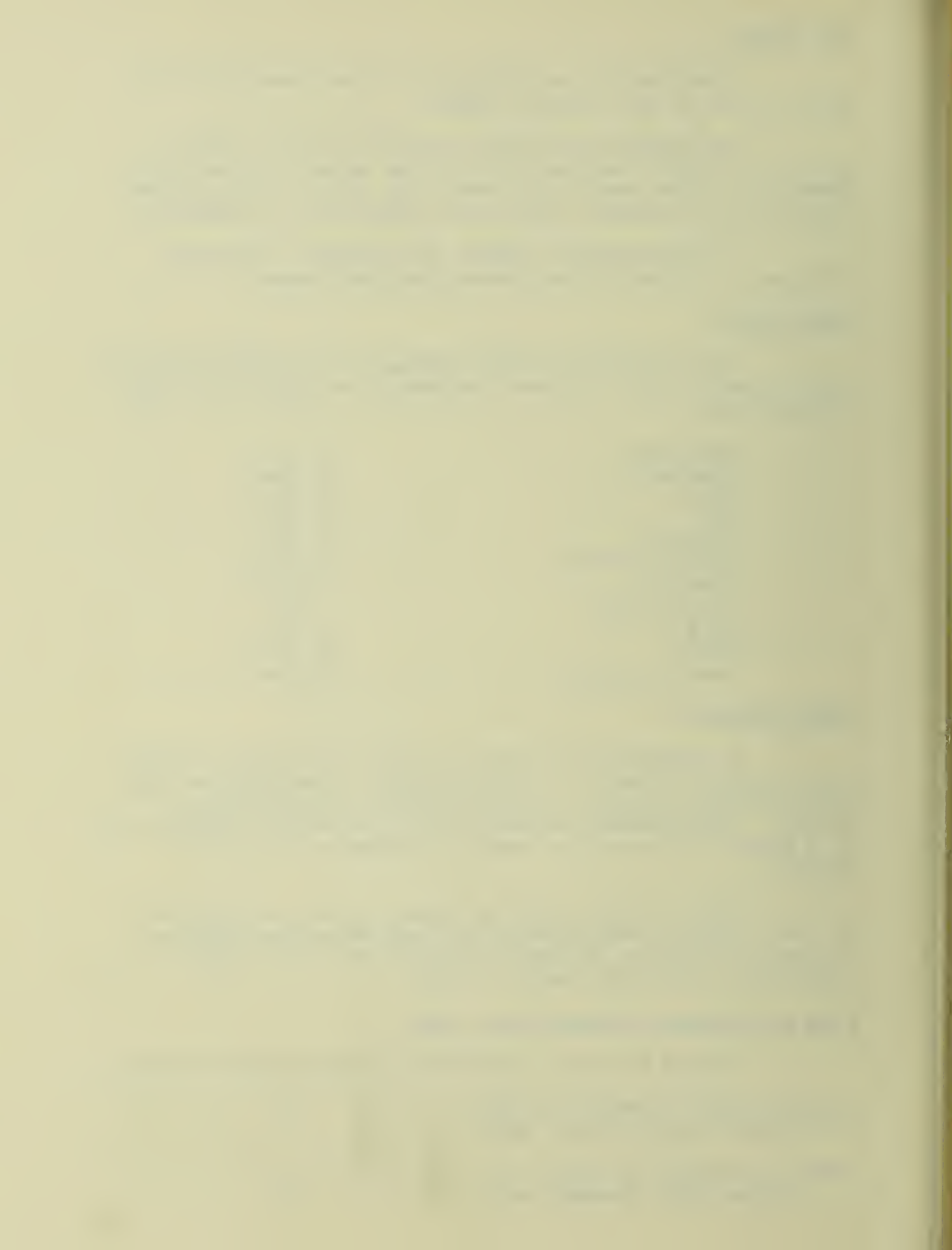
A considerable amount of work has been carried out at public houses. Good progress is being made with the conversion of pail closets to the water carriage system; improvements carried out to bars and lounges and in a number of cases the whole atmosphere of an inn changed.

Much of this work has been at the instigation of the Licensing Magistrates as they have been able to ask for work to be carried out which we, as a local authority, have been unable to do.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

During the year licences as follows were issued :

Supplementary Licences to sell	
"Tuberculin Tested" milk	8
Dealers Licences to sell	
"Tuberculin Tested" milk	20



Supplementary Licences to use Special Designation "Pasteurised"	7
Dealers Licences to use the Special Designation "Pasteurised"	7
Dealers Licence to open and cool "Tuberculin Tested" milk	1

Routine inspections of distributing vehicles have continued to be carried out.

During the year, 45 samples of milk for biological examination were taken and 45 samples for bacteriological examination. In addition 47 "follow up" samples were taken.

Three farmers were confirmed as having cows in the herd giving milk infected with *Brucella Abortus* and the affected animals were disposed of.

The Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District is now in a Specified Area and no milk, other than designated milk, may be sold.

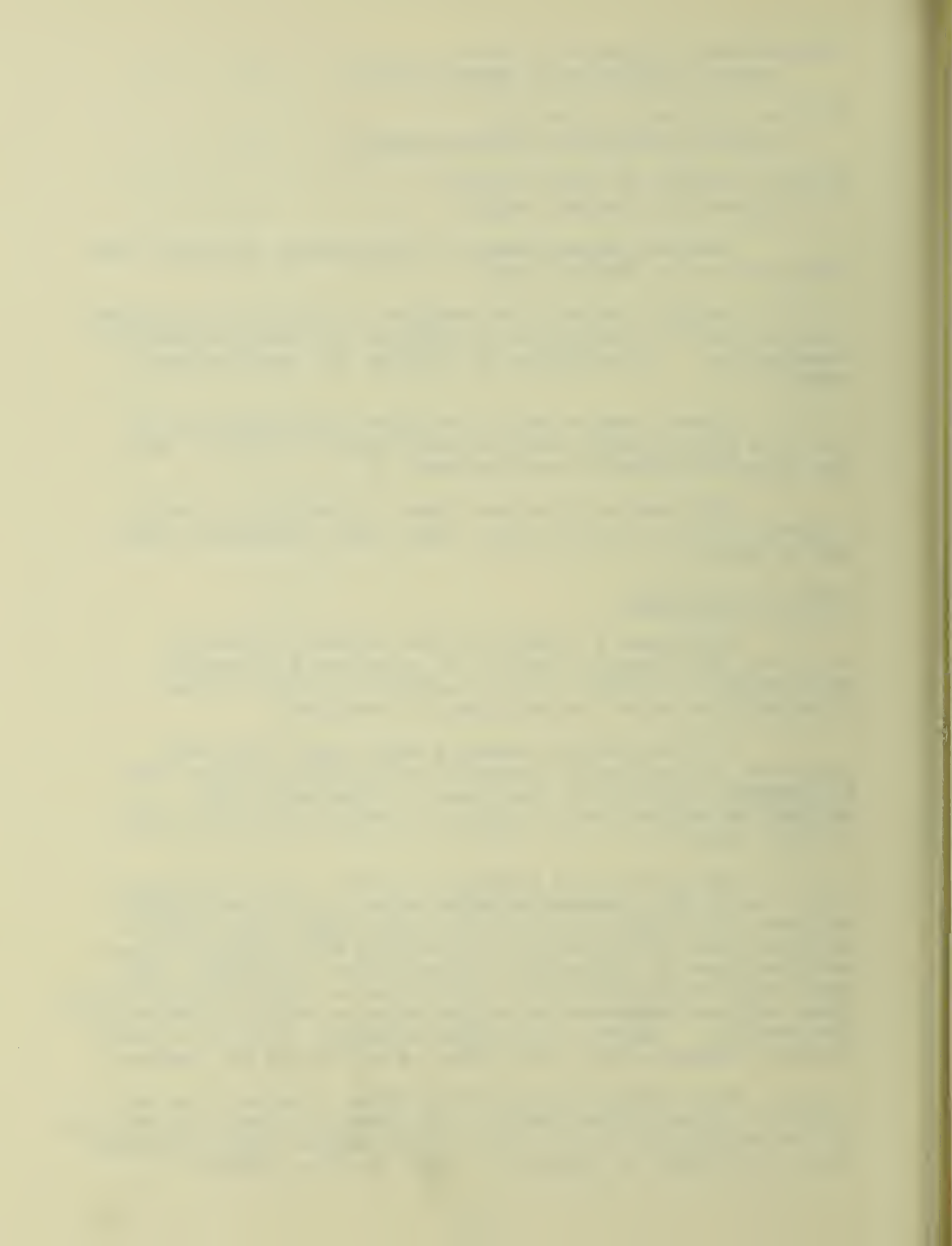
Refuse Collection.

Following a report on the refuse collection services, the Council decided to purchase a cesspool/pail emptying machine and to institute a bonus scheme in connection with the emptying of dustbins.

A 5 ton Bedford Chassis with Eagle body was purchased for use as a cesspool emptier and a night soil attachment was fixed to the rear. Cesspools are emptied on request and a charge is made of 30/- per load or part load.

The system has worked very well. It is interesting to note that cesspools which prior to the new scheme had never been emptied, are now being dealt with, and in certain cases where previously the old hand operated pump was used free of charge for the occupier (or owner), and where this person was most vociferous in requiring attention, there has now descended a sudden silence with no demand for the service. There is no doubt whatever, that if a free scheme is again given, additional staff would be required.

The scheme whereby the workmen receive a bonus, provided bins in the district allocated to them are emptied in the stipulated period, has so far worked very satisfactorily, although the scheme is still in its infancy.



The extra cost of the scheme is very slight, but the men benefit by receiving wages for a 52 hour week (which they worked prior to the institution of the scheme) for as low as 44 hours, together with a five day week. It has been necessary by agreement to extend the collection period in a number of cases due to illness, holidays &c., but this was envisaged and allowed for in the scheme.

The Council's scheme whereby dustbins are provided by the Council has continued, 460 bins being supplied during the year.

A replacement refuse collection vehicle has been purchased and brought into use on the Measham side of the district.

Petroleum.

Installation of all new tanks has been supervised and pressure tests carried out before the Council were recommended to grant licences.

Factories Act, 1937.

Inspection of factories	...	69
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Inspection of Bakehouses	...	10
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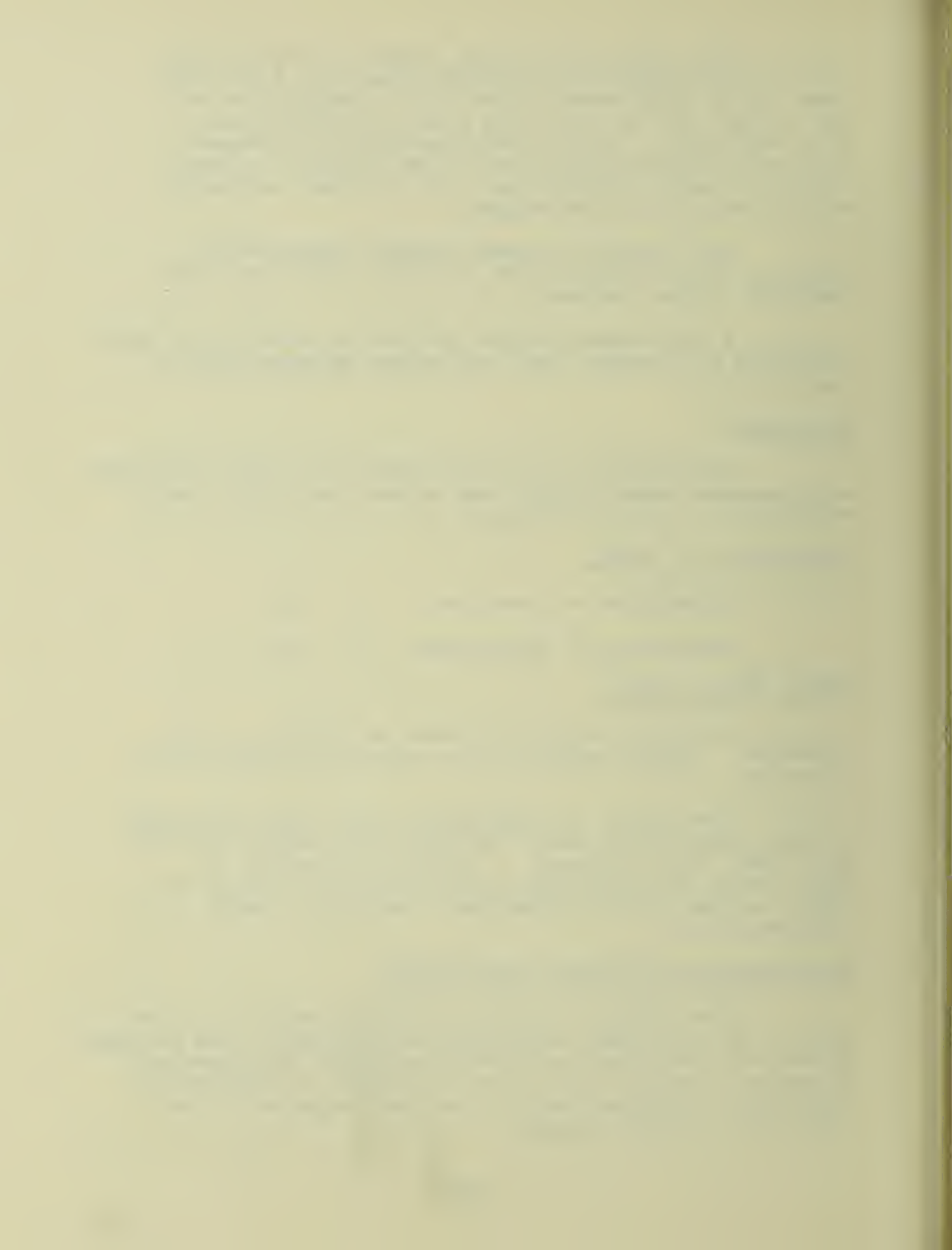
Tents, Vans, Sheds.

Licences have been issued in respect of ten caravans. These continue to be spread throughout the district.

The policy of applicants first being requested to make application under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, has continued. If this is granted, an application for licencing under the Public Health Act, 1936, is then placed before the Council for their consideration.

New Drainage and Closet Conversions.

The Council's policy of giving grants of up to £10. 0. 0. per closet converted has continued, and although grants are now given to closets converted in unsewered parishes, this has not led to the number of conversions hoped for, doubtless due to the great expense of the provision of septic tanks.



Supervision over the public conveniences has continued and again I am pleased to be able to report that the damage caused wilfully at these premises has been slighter than heretofor. A man is paid 10/- per week for cleaning the conveniences.

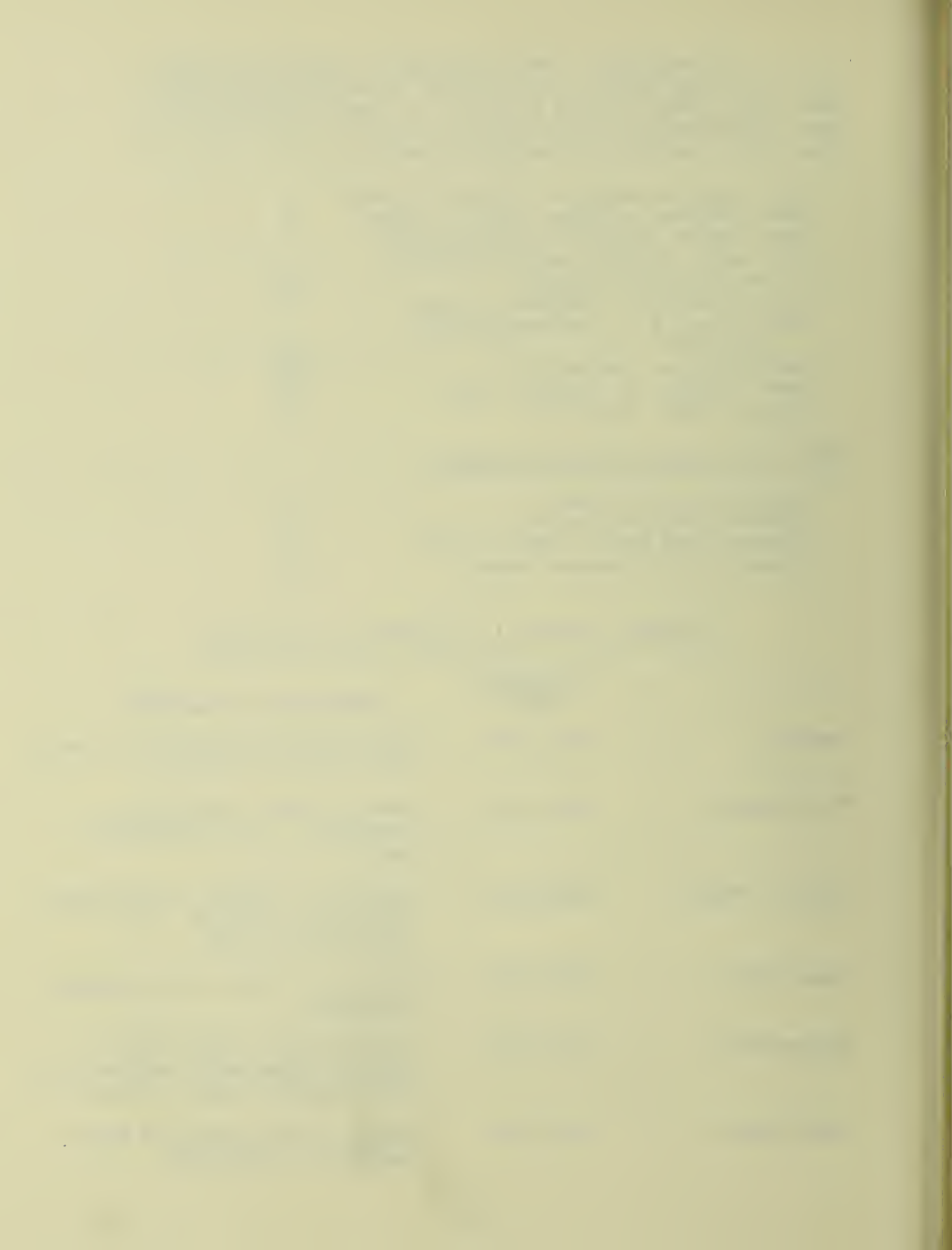
New water closets to replace privies	1
New drainage systems laid to sewer	6
Old drains repaired and extended	8
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets	88
Pail closets to replace privies	5
Additional W.C. accommodation provided	14
Re-visits of inspection	188
New drainage to septic tanks	10
Septic tanks provided	10

Sewer and Sewage Disposal Works.

Inspection of sewers	97
Blocked sewers cleared	7
Inspections while work in hand	21
Inspection of sewage works	197

Capital Schemes in Progress or Approved.

	<u>Estimated Cost.</u>	<u>Progress at 31/12/55</u>
Heather	£28,100	Sewers laid, connections made and works completed.
Worthington	£24,400	Sewers laid. Works in progress. No connections made.
Appleby Magna	£44,200	Laying of sewers in progress. Works not started. No connections made.
Osgathorpe	£22,300	Tender has been provisionally accepted.
Snarestone	£14,000	Ministry has authorised negotiations with contractors for Appleby Magna scheme.
Packington	£23,000	Ministry has approved this scheme in principle.



	<u>Estimated Cost.</u>	<u>Progress at 31/12/55</u>
Measham Sewerage Works extension	£17,800	Scheme approved by Council. Final details being prepared.
Atherstone Road, Measham	Not known	Ministry would not approve this scheme in 1953.
Normanton-le-Heath	£ 9,100	Scheme deferred on grounds of high cost.
Coleorton and part Swannington	Not known	Ministry would not approve this section of the joint scheme with Worthington in 1953.
Acresford	Not known	Ministry would not approve this scheme in 1952 and Council decided to take no further action at that time.
Ravenstone Sewage Works extension	Not known	Scheme not yet prepared.
Chilcote	Not known	Report to be prepared.

NEW BUILDINGS, ADDITIONS, EXTENSIONS, IMPROVEMENTS &c.,

New houses by Local authority	34
New houses by private enterprise	21
New houses drained to sewer	43
New houses drained to septic tanks	12
New houses with water from public main	55
New houses with water closets	55
Piggeries	1
Industrial buildings	18
Agricultural buildings	7
Office accommodation	5
Garages	36
Bathrooms	27
Water closets	19
Hot water systems	26
New drainage and alterations (excluding local authority houses)	79
Septic tanks (other than new houses)	10
Food stores	10
Miscellaneous	7
Visits of inspection	640

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

Administration in connection with development under the Act is carried out by the Council in conjunction with the Western Area Sub-Committee of the Leicestershire County Council.

During the year, 151 applications were made in respect of permission to develop.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE.

Twelve properties were surveyed in connection with loans for house purchase.

WATER SUPPLY.

Wells closed for drinking purposes	6
Wells cleansed	1
Number of houses inspected ...	17
Samples taken for analysis ...	16
Samples unsatisfactory ...	9
Informal notices served ...	17
Water laid on from public mains	49

CHLORINATION.

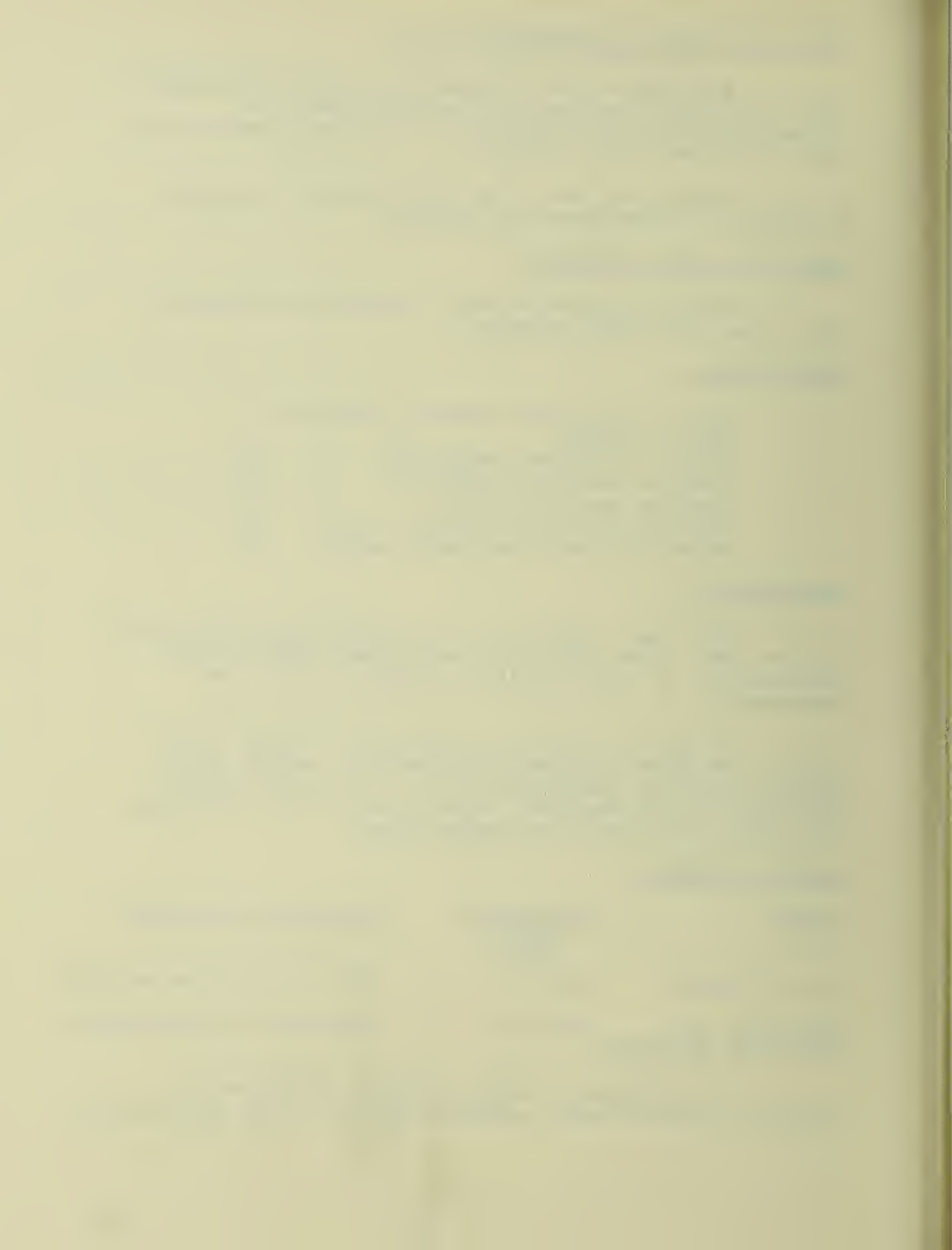
For some time now, I have been expressing the opinion that there should be no further delay in the installation of chlorinating equipment at the two waterworks.

Whilst the water at source has always been found to be pure, without chlorination, safety of the supply cannot be guaranteed at the tap in the house, especially where constant repairs, as in this district, are having to be made to broken pipes.

CAPITAL SCHEMES.

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Estimated Cost.</u>	<u>Progress at 31/12/55.</u>
Lount Village	£3,740	200 yds of 3" main laid.
Extension to Willesley Reservoir	£9,100	Approved by the Council.

In addition a number of main extensions to premises such as farms, sewage works &c., were carried out.



HOUSING.

Construction of new Council Houses.

Work at the two large sites continued during the year.

Details are as follows :

<u>Site</u>	<u>Dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated Capital Cost.</u>	<u>Progress at 31/12/55</u>
Wilkes Avenue, Measham	102	£171,104	34 houses completed. 66 under construction.
Ramscliff Avenue, Donisthorpe	98	£161,787	98 under construction.
Round House, Worthington.	92) 2 shops)	-	Survey carried out, site layout prepared and approved in principle by Council.

The houses under construction at Donisthorpe are "No Fines" houses and consist of 8 - 2 bedroomed flats, 86 - 3 bedroomed houses and 4 - 4 bedroomed houses.

Sewage will be pumped by automatic ejectors (in duplicate) to the Council's main sewer. The houses were altered internally to the Council's own requirements.

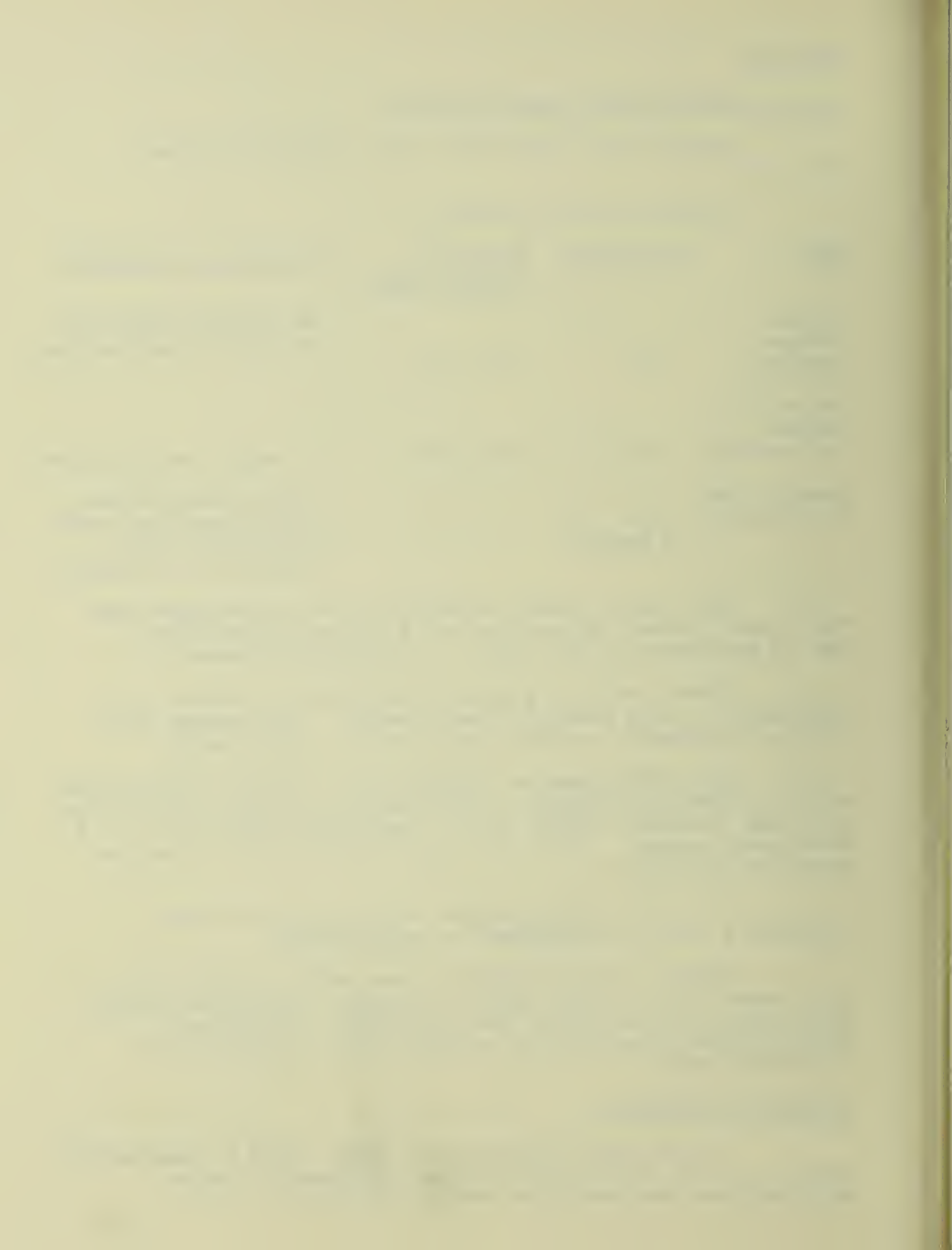
The 102 houses at Measham are of brick construction being of "Gregory" design. The estate consists of 3 blocks of 4 two bedroomed flats, 86 3 - bedroomed houses and 4 - 4 bedroomed houses. Space has been allocated for a police house on this site.

In each estate surface water is dealt with separately and is discharged to brookcourses.

During the year efforts were made to find sites in a number of parishes where no Council houses have been built and where no sewers are available. Drainage difficulties prevented any satisfactory outcome to the investigations.

Improvement Grants.

It has been necessary to again spend a considerable amount of time in connection with Improvement Grants. Applications received have been as follows :



Total applications	...	...	...	60
Informal applications	...	...	...	30
Formal applications	...	...	...	30
Applications approved	...	...	...	27
Applications refused	...	...	...	Nil
Applications withdrawn	...	...	...	3
Total amount paid by way of grant during the year	...	...	...	£2,183. 16. 9.

Although in the main applications were from owner/occupiers, the opportunity is taken, when grants are made, to get much incidental work and repair work carried out, and there is no doubt that the life of many houses has been extended by this means.

Court Cases.

During the year it became necessary to take legal proceedings against the owner of two properties. The Court Order was not obeyed nor was a second Court Order and at the close of the year, proceedings had been authorised for the institution of a daily penalty.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

During the year 9 applications were made for certificates of Disrepair, and in 8 cases these were granted.

It has been the Council's policy to serve a notice on the owner of the property on which a Certificate is granted requesting that the necessary work of repair be carried out.

Slum Clearance.

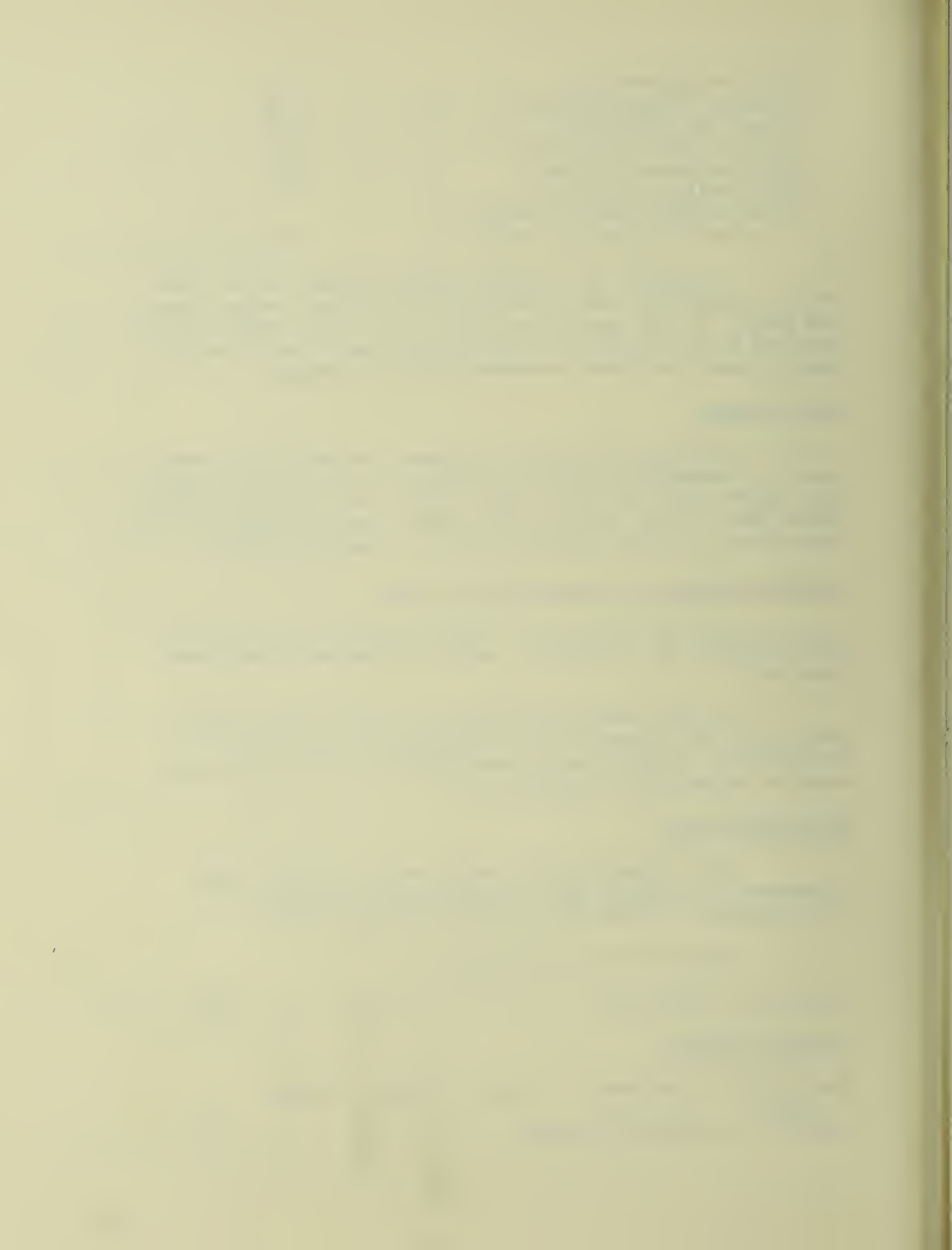
Good progress has been made with the Slum Clearance programme and a considerable number of sub-standard properties have been dealt with.

Details are as follows :

Visits of inspection	...	...	...	...	411
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Closing Orders.

Dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders made	...	...	...	...	...	8
Number of persons rehoused	...	...	...	...	...	14



Demolition Orders.

Dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders made	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Number of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of dwellings rendered fit as a result of undertakings	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Number of persons rehoused	...	...	...	...	...	...	10

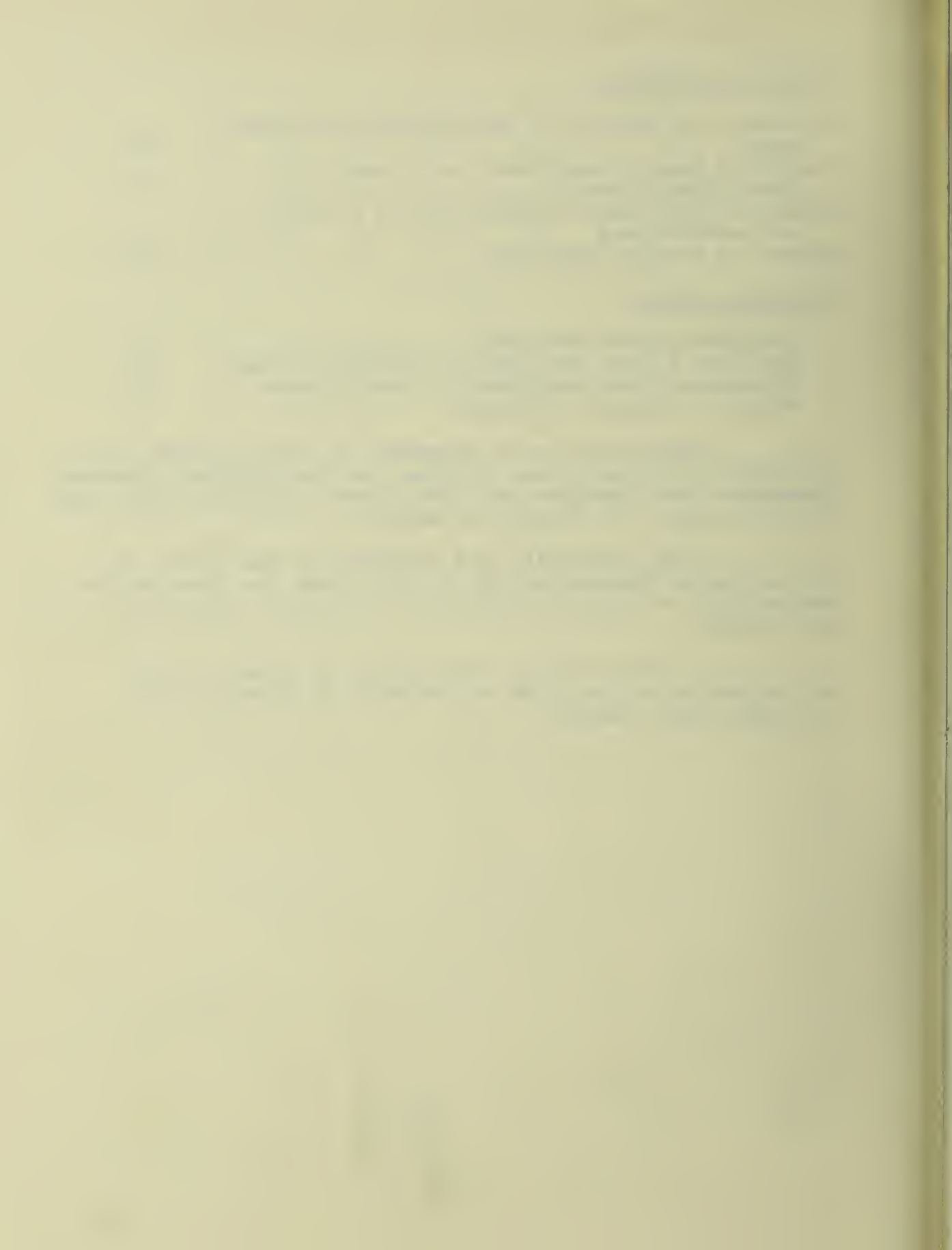
Clearance Areas.

Clearance Areas declared	...	...	...	4
Dwelling houses included in Clearance Areas				20
Clearance Areas confirmed by the Ministry	...			5
Number of persons rehoused	...	...	...	17

Negotiations were commenced for the purchase, by agreement, of nine houses forming the Cross Street, Measham Clearance Area together with two houses adjoining which are already subject to Demolition Orders.

These properties are situated in the centre of the parish of Measham and it is felt that the site can be redeveloped to form an attractive but useful centre to the parish.

An indication of the site as at present and an impression of the site as proposed is shown on the following three pages.



CROSS STREET CLEARANCE AREA, MEASHAM.



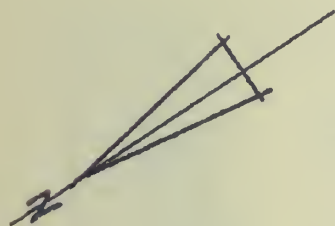
Rear of 4-12 Cross Street.

Front of Hinks Yard.

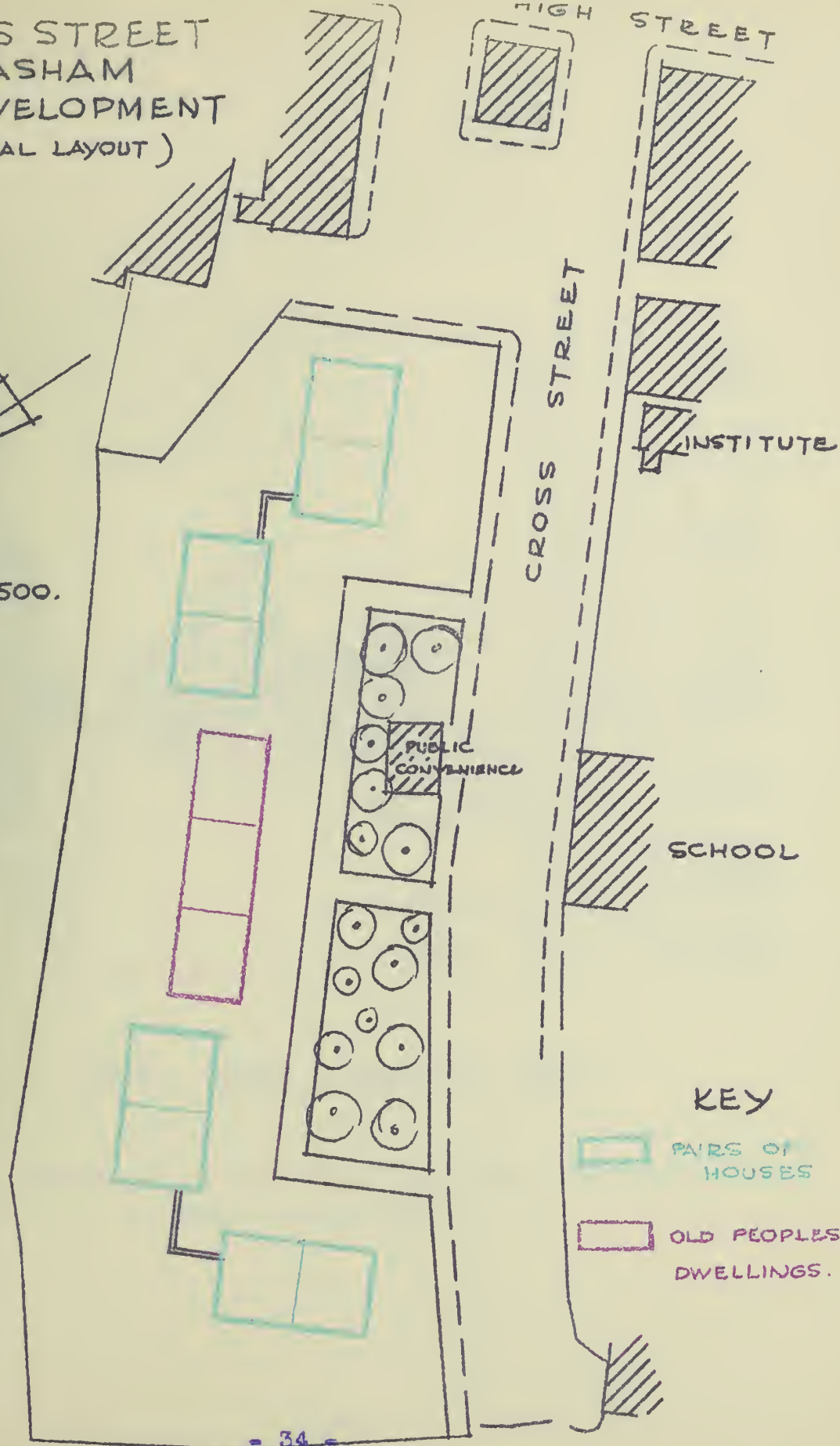


Front of Hinks Yard.

CROSS STREET MEASHAM RE-DEVELOPMENT (PROVISIONAL LAYOUT)



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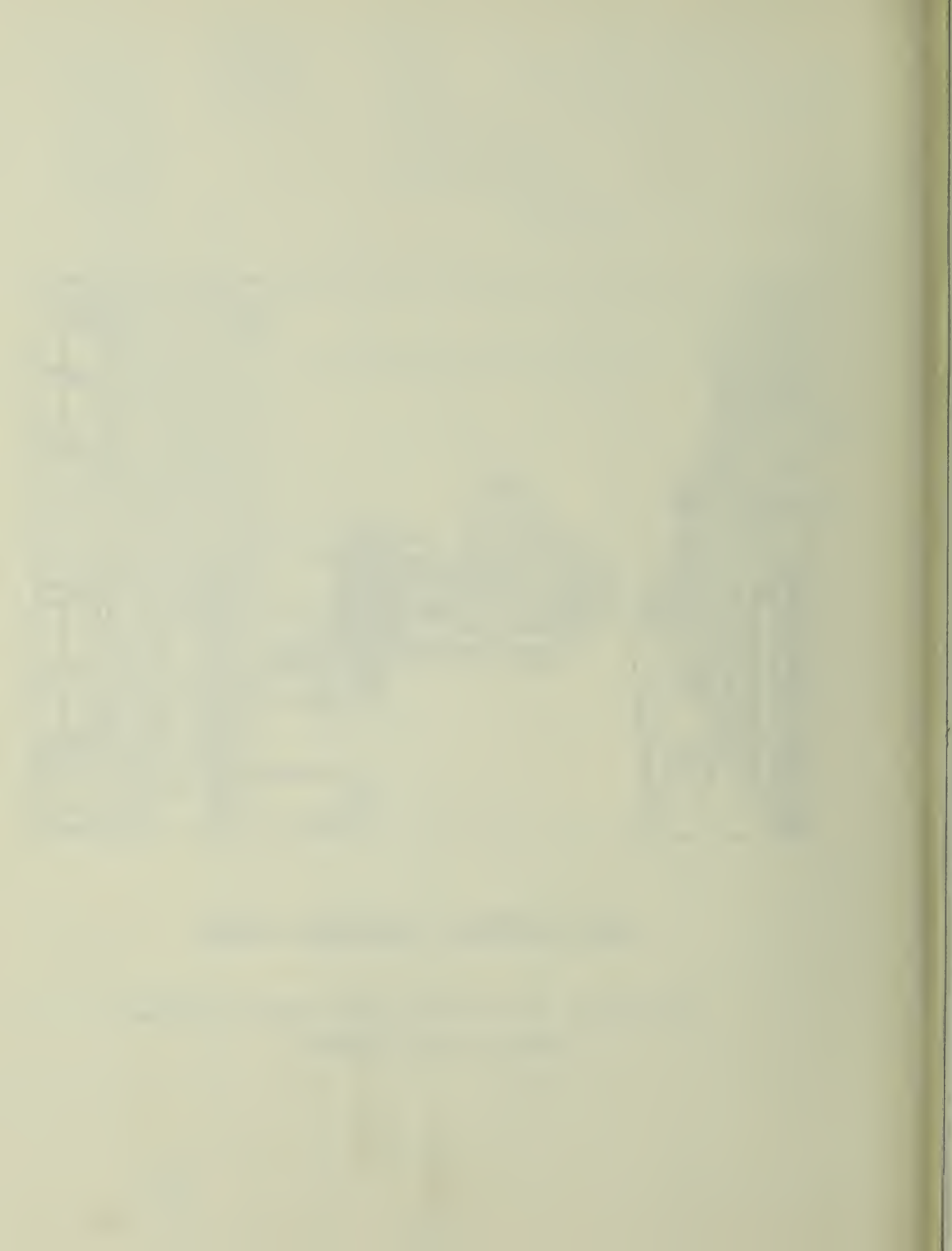
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CROSS STREET CLEARANCE AREA.

Impression of view from High Street, Measham,
after re-development.



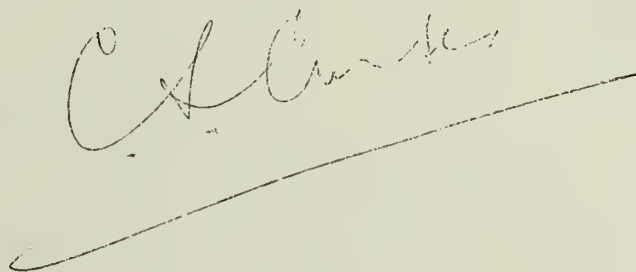
Once again, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,
I wish to express my thanks for your interest, support
and encouragement during the year and to express my
appreciation for the co-operation I have always received
from Doctor Segerdal, the Clerk of the Council and the
Accountant.

I also wish to pay tribute to the way the
present members of the department have worked and the
willing way in which they have carried out their duties.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. H. Anderson", is written above a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends across the width of the signature.

